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## Domestic partners finally arrives for San Francisco



by Jim Walker  
MANAGING EDITOR

It was a special St. Valentine's day for gays and lesbians in San Francisco this year - a day when the city officially recognized their relationships.

Beginning at 9am February 14, any gay couple or non-married heterosexual couple living together could enter city hall to sign a document identifying them as domestic partners. After identifying themselves, signing the document and paying a \$35 fee, partners received a certificate from the city.

Following the official business at city hall, many couples attended religious services on the steps of the public building or went to a reception at the War Memorial Arts Center presented by the Lesbian Agenda for Action. Honored guests included many of those who worked for years to see the process become a reality in the city by the bay.

Photos by Frank Martinez

Guests at the reception included Mayor Art Agnos, openly gay Supervisors Harry Britt, Carole Migden, Roberta Achtenberg, Superior Court Judge Donna Hitchens, School Board Member Tom Ammiano and Jean Harris, aide to Britt and President of the Harvey Milk Democratic Club.

Couples who did not want the document on file with the county clerk could, as an alternative, take the forms with them and have them signed by a Notary Public and a witness.

Couples are not required to be city residents nor is eligibility limited to city employees as is the case in some legislation around the country.

Domestic partners was made possible with the passing of Proposition K last November.

The passage of K was part of a larger gay victory in San Francisco that included the election of Achtenberg and Migden (both lesbians) as well as Ammiano to the school board.

Similar partners legislation already exists in Santa Cruz, Berkeley, West Hollywood, Madison (WI) and Seattle (WA), but San Francisco is the first to pass Domestic Partners by voter approval.

But many gays caution that while domestic partners is an important step forward, it is not a marriage, something the instructions presented before signing clearly state.

"This may not do all the things you want..." it begins. "A domestic partnership isn't the same as a marriage. For instance, unless you have a will, your partner won't get your property if you die. A domestic partnership won't make sure your partner has the legal right to take care of you if you get sick. It doesn't mean that your partner and you have a right to each other's pay or property. There are other things you may want to do to protect your relationship."

Some of the "other" things suggested include preparing a will and a medical power of attorney.

Still, community leaders say the ordinance is not designed as a legal protection, but more as a way that committed couples can come-out to society as being such.

What about domestic partners dissolution, or divorce?

To dissolve a partnership, a declaration must be filed immediately when the partnership has ended. A six month waiting period begins thereafter before the individuals can register again with another party.

While the legislation does not require employers or agencies, public or private, to recognize the couples with legal or financial benefits, gay leaders say more employers are likely to extend benefits to those who have had their relationships formally recognized by the city.

More information on Domestic Partners is available by calling the office of Harry Britt at (415) 554-5154 or by writing Room 235, City Hall, S.F. CA. 94102.▼

### Partnership Agreement declarations

We declare under penalty of perjury:

1. We have an intimate, committed relationship of mutual caring;

2. We live together

3. We agree to be responsible for each other's basic living expenses during our domestic partnership; we also agree that anyone who is owed these expenses can collect from either of us;

4. We are both 18 or older;

5. Neither of us are married

6. Neither of us is related to the other as a parent, brother or sister, half brother or sister, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, grandparent or grandchild;

7. Neither of us has had a different domestic partner in the last six months (Does not apply if you had a partner that died).▼



Harry Britt, Roberta Achtenberg and guests attend the reception with Mayor Art Agnos.

### Hate Crimes Bill would impose stiffer penalties

by M.R. Richards  
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- Senate Bill 98, known as "The Hate Crimes Bill," will go before the Senate Judiciary Committee later this month. The bill, authored by Sen. Bill Lockyear, (D-Hayward), will double the penalty for misdemeanor hate crimes -- from six months to one year in jail. The bill will add four years to sentences for felony hate crimes and will add an extra year for repeat offenders.

Monday, Lockyear and California's Lt. Governor, Leo McCarthy were in the Bay Area to officially unveil the proposed law which they hope will curb the ever-increasing numbers of hate crimes against racial and religious minorities, Arab-Americans and gays and lesbians.

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### D.A. sets-up special Hate Crime Unit

by M.R. Richards  
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- Sacramento District Attorney, Steve White, has set up a special Hate Crimes Unit in his office to implement 1988 hate crimes legislation penalties. White assigned Deputy District Attorney, Anna Bravo, 35, to head up the unit which also has an investigator who will actively investigate any complaints or reports that fall into the hate crimes category.

Bravo is a native of Oxnard, CA, and attended law school at U.C. Davis, she is a resident of Sacramento, married and the mother of three. Until recently, Bravo has been in a special investigations unit which prosecutes peace officer, white collar criminals, attorneys, judges and those accused of

political corruption.

In response to questions about recent allegations of excessive force by police and sheriff's officers Bravo said, "the wording in Section 422.6 of the Penal Code is clear -- and it states that regardless of whether an action is taken 'under the color of law' no shall by force, or threat of force willfully injure, intimidate or interfere with or oppress any other person in the free exercise or enjoyment of their rights or privileges guaranteed in the Constitution or laws of this state or in the United States Constitution. I believe in that. I believe that people should not be subject to any form of harassment from anyone because of their race, color, religion, ancestry, or sexual orientation and this unit is ready to investigate those complaints and cases."

Unlike the Sacramento City Po-

lice Department which requires that some indication by name-calling or graffiti be given by the perpetrator to indicate that the crime is a hate crime -- Bravo's unit will investigate complaints brought to it by citizens who believe or suspect they were attacked or harassed only because of their race, religion, color, ancestry, national origin or sexual orientation.

Currently, Sacramento's Lambda Community Center, under the direction of its new Executive Director, former San Franciscan Donna Yutzy, is in the process of setting up a venue by which crimes reported to the Community Center will be referred to Bravo's office.▼



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### Budget released

Dear Editor:

The Lambda Letters Project helps women, lesbians, gays, HIV positive people, and other supportive persons to write to their legislators and other public officials about women's rights, lesbian and gay rights, and AIDS. In 1990 the Project delivered over 4000 letters on these subjects.

The 1991 budget sets several goals:

- To deliver over 6000 letters in 1991.
- To increase its membership to 300 persons.
- To establish a telephone hotline about current legislation by March 15, 1991.
- To raise a total of \$7,634 to cover the costs of these activities.

People wishing to donate time or funds to help us reach these goals may do so by calling Boyce Hinman at 916-965-6851, or writing to:

The Lambda Letters Project  
6212 Silverton Way  
Carmichael, CA 95608

Boyce Hinman

### Lambda Letters Project: 1991 Budget Plan

#### INCOME

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Auction	\$1,100
Contributions	1,284
Entertainment 91 Books	-- 0 --
Entertainment 92 Books	5,250
Carryover from 1990	1,777
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$9,411</b>

#### EXPENSES

Advertising	\$ 166
Bank Charges	84
Brochure	100
Business Cards	34
Entertainment 91 Books	-- 0 --
Entertainment 92 Books	4,200
Envelopes	84
Lambda Fair/Rainbow Festival	80
Miscellaneous	60
Phone Hotline	210
Photocopying	438
Postage	2,928
Room Rental	50
Town Council	25
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$8,459</b>
<b>CARRYOVER TO 1992</b>	<b>\$951</b>

### No money?

Dear Editor:

Thank you for writing me regarding S.2240, the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act.

S.2240, the AIDS Care bill, passed in the House and the Senate. However, due to budgetary problems it appeared that no money would be appropriated for the bill this year.

Fortunately, an amendment was attached to the Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations bill that provided \$220 million for the AIDS care bill. Although \$220 million is not nearly the amount of money that I and other supporters of the bill had worked for, it is the best that could be done given the current fiscal and political situation.

The AIDS Care bill will provide funds to help ease the incredible strain on people with AIDS and on their families. This legislation will help lessen the burden of local and state health care systems that have been most affected by the AIDS epidemic.

Thank you for contacting me regarding this important piece of legislation.

Alan Cranston  
United States Senate

## commentary

### Apathy and War (part 3)

Every Spring working on *The Impact* newspaper at Delta College in Stockton, someone had to write it- it had to be done. It was hard to decide just who because all of us liberals (our Communists as the Young Republican Club always called us) wanted the assignment. Sometime it was my turn to write the apathy editorial.

You know, young people are lazy, we only care about partying and sex, forget about the socio-economic implications of the invasion of Grenada (big stuff Ronnie). But away from the junior college and "home" more than a year now, I find that it is not just young people who are apathetic- the gay community and I suspect the larger society doesn't really care about that which does not directly effect their pocketbook or their daily routine.

Three reasons why Americans care about this war: a) Gas prices could go up; b) America has to kick ass or might be considered a faggot (I don't like the word any more than you do) nation- would we be at war if women were in charge? c) Possible loss of lives- only American's though.

Watching (dare I say it again) CNN, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole was saying that he hoped would could avoid a "substantial loss of lives." Really? I had never thought of that, but apparently the American people have, as a patriotic-crazed whole, forgot that. In war, people die. There will a tremendous human cost, there already has been.

Am I anti-American just because I question and evaluate the rhetoric and reasons in and for this war? A nation blindly accepting and trusting it's leaders to always do the right things always has the potential to equal a Saddam.

What is true evil? Are there people in the world that are truly evil? And do we have the right as fellow human beings to kill those who are "evil?" And who decides? America has decided that Saddam is evil. America has decided that he and his military, the 3rd largest in the world, must be stopped. But what to make of innocent Iraqi citizens who are only guilty of believing in their President and their religion as much as some Americans believe in Bush and the fundamental Christian ethic? Am I, as a civilian, responsible for what our soldiers did in Vietnam or any other war since our country's founding? I don't hold every Iraqi citizen responsible for the atrocities Saddam and his forces have committed.

The people are the pawns of war, yet the people, in Iraq and America, never voted for what theoretically, could be their end.

So what do we do? How do we stop Saddam and his army without killing innocent people? Seems like such a simple question someone should have thought about it long ago- like shortly after the beginning of time.

Are you still there? Does this mean anything to you? Do you have an opinion? You have something to share- an insight- a voice that while carrying the power of a vote, is in the equation of the conscious whole. We the people, matter. ▼

-- Jim Walker

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# Sacramentans tell their stories about crimes of hate in California's capitol city

by Jim Walker  
MANAGING EDITOR  
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They came from every community. Blacks, Asians, Hispanics, Gays and a number of other groups, not all considered minorities, but all came to talk about violence perpetrated against them just because of who they are.

More than 100 people went before the Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission February 14 and before other elected officials from the city and county who came to hear about the violence.

Representing gays in part was Don Souza, a man who has served on several community and police boards examining violence.

and never singularly," said Souza. "Their area seems to be bordered from 16th to Alhambra." He said Skinheads can usually be identified by their combat boots with white shoelaces. Pants are tucked into boots with military style jackets, often with an American flag showing. Perhaps the most notable distinction is the shaved head.

Souza also gave a profile of the typical demographic of a skinhead. "They are 16 to 19, a high school drop-out, they often come from a broken home, and they usually have a Aryan look to them," he said.

Even though he has worked extensively with the police, Souza said the department has given "a lot of lip service" to the problem but not much action.

Souza's report was not the only

big political issues, not small issues like this," said Store.

"What I believe is in the white superior race. White...All that graffiti is not an act of the KKK. We have a lot of pressure groups who act like us who are not us."

Just minutes after Store stepped down to boos and hisses, Vicky Vaughn, a lesbian, told her story.

Vaughn was assaulted outside a Sacramento gay bar and then nearly killed when her attacker tried to run her over.

Vaughn said she felt the police department did not give her case enough attention and that she had to do large parts of the investigation on her own.

Her attacker was convicted in late 1990 of assault with intent to commit major bodily injury.

Crimes against people because of their religion also were addressed.

Kimber Mongolis, of the Jewish student Association of CSUS, testified about a series of events recently included threatening phone calls to other Jewish students. "Death to Jews; death to Israel, the Arabs want their land back," she said are common statements. "They're have been KKK flyers posted around campus making statements about purifying the race. The Association's sign has been pulled-down and desecrated or the Star of David has been removed from our flyers."

Mongolis said the group reported the incidents to the head of Student Activities, Lou Camera, who then reported it to Sacramento Police.

The hate crime forum coincided with the introduction of Senate Bill 98 by Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy and Senator Bill Lockyer (D-Concord) that would substantially increase the criminal and civil penalties for perpetrators of hate crimes.

The last time Sacramento County's Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission conducted a public hearing on hate crimes was in 1984. This latest forum came in response to numerous complaints and concerns received in the last six months, according to a released issued before the February 14th hearing. ▼



Mr. and Mrs. Campbell testify before the Human Rights / Fair Housing Commission. Photo by Pamela Coffey

"Violence in the midtown area in the last five years has escalated against gays and the black community as well," said Souza. He made reference to several incidents last year such as the Spectrum 90 tear gas bombing and a similar incident New Year's Eve 1989 at Face's. Souza speculates both are skinhead related.

Souza said the Sacramento Police Department's Gang Suppression Unit has substantiated that local skinheads are associated with the KKK. "They're very organized, very politically oriented and essentially do the dirty work for the KKK."

"They usually operate at night

one that targeted skinheads for Sacramento violence.

Harold and Viletta Campbell had the letters "KKK" burned on their front lawn recently. The culprit also poured rock salt on the lawn. When rain arrived, the letters stood-out even more.

Their story was followed by perhaps the most controversial speaker of the day- a local Klu Klux Klan member who described himself as a "recruitment officer."

The room was silent as Howard Store took to the podium.

"I am going to let you know that (the KKK letter burning) is not an act of the Klu Klux Klan. We go on

## commentary

### Classified's potentially lethal sex scam

by Ken Thompson  
OF MGW STAFF

A potentially deadly, but definitely dangerous sex scam game is being played with area gay men under the guise of "Roommate Wanted Ads."

The game runs like this: First the advertiser lists a vacant room in their home or apartment as being for rent at reasonable or very attractive rates, usually there is something very attractive about some aspect of the deal (size of room, location, room rates, etc.). Then when potential roommates appear on the scene the sex ploys and advances start, usually pre-planned. These advances are sometimes forceful or very suggestive.

One such scam artist was contacted via a personal advertisement stuck on the bulletin board of a popular local gay establishment, and when contacted boasted of having advertised in the Bee, Union, and several local gay publications under ROOMMATE WANTED.

This advertiser is racking up quite

a few surprised and embarrassed people who, after being caught off guard and who are too embarrassed to think responsibly, are victims not only of their own passions and ignorance, but of another man's greed and self-indulgence. After the incident the victim seldom if ever reports the crime to anyone for fear of ridicule.

Not only are people like this dangerous to the local community, they bring to light many old "sex myths!" The most obvious being that men can't be non-violent rape victims, and that is just what I feel these incidents are!

There are potentially hostile living arrangements in which women too can and do fall prey to in the classifieds, but now it seems that it is the male gay population that is being victimized.

There are ways to avoid these scams without doing away with the roommate wanted columns in the papers.

First, when contacting potential roommate advertisers, use only your first name and speak only directly

to them. Never leave your home phone number with an answering machine, and avoid giving your phone number or address until you have met the advertiser in person.

Secondly, if your advertiser begins the conversation with a slight sexual suggestion, or seems to dwell on personal contact rather than the physical dimensions of the room, I would suggest caution.

Lastly, if at the onset of the personal interview the advertiser makes any sexual advances, tries to inject alcohol or drugs into the conversation, think twice. Remember this roommate situation is supposed to be a "business arrangement" between two people, if something romantic develops later, then "that's life," so what hunting for a proper roommate keep the action moving toward talking about the "room!"

Keep your eyes open. There are those even in the gay/lesbian community who are only out to satisfy themselves, so don't be one of their victims, stay alert! ▼

## editorial

### Getting past the barriers

How many people have you eliminated from your life simply because of their appearance?

- Fat: People often say they wouldn't want to be friends with someone who is overweight because everyone knows that people who are overweight don't respect or care enough about themselves. Never mind that many clinical studies have proven that fat is often hereditary and that less than 5 percent of people are able to lose weight permanently.

Who really cares if someone is fat anyway. Does that have any bearing on whether or not they can be a good friend? Certainly not.

How many fat men and women have you eliminated from your life regardless of how truly redeeming their other qualities are?

- Feminine/butch: A "butch" gay male or a "feminine" woman refuses to be "seen" in public with his "fem" friend or her "butch" friend, respectively, and the resentment eventually destroys the friendship.

How many so-called "fem" men or "butch" women are you, as a gay person, keeping out of your life simply because of their modus operandi? Is that fair to them? Is that fair to you?

- Money. How many poor friends do you have? Do they have to have a certain type of car or house for you to be their friend? If someone is less fortunate than you, do you think there is less of a possibility you could be friends?

How many people have you kept out of your life simply because they did not have enough of the right material possessions?

- Clothes: It's the bar on a Friday night. They're are hundreds of people present in all shapes and sizes, all types of persuasions, at various levels of wealth; what are you looking at now? Is what their wearing going to prevent you from talking to them? Is it important to you that they be dressed consistent with what's "in?"

How many people have you eliminated from your life based on what they're wearing?

- Race: Can you believe this is still included on this list? Sad to say, but no matter how much most of us think we are free of racism, it is involved, just as much as all of the above, in every judgement we make. Obviously volumes has been written about this and things are, hopefully changing.

But how many times have you said this or that person is Asian- so they must be under endowed and overly intelligent? How many times have you said because someone is black, they are well endowed, but stupid? And think about it: How many times have you heard a heterosexual say all gay men are infected or that all lesbians smell like sweat. You, hopefully, would not tolerate that being said about your sexuality, but yet, at the bar, you have surely said or thought much of the above; haven't you?

Whatever you "standards" are, it is important to examine how those standards are keeping spiritually wealthy people out of our lives. Everyone has some truly worthwhile quality about them. The challenge is getting past the barriers between us to find the richness within them.

If we as a world of individuals could all find something about each other that was truly special (something each of us really has) perhaps that which divides us would be celebrated as unique rather than used as a barrier to our own growth and that of others. ▼

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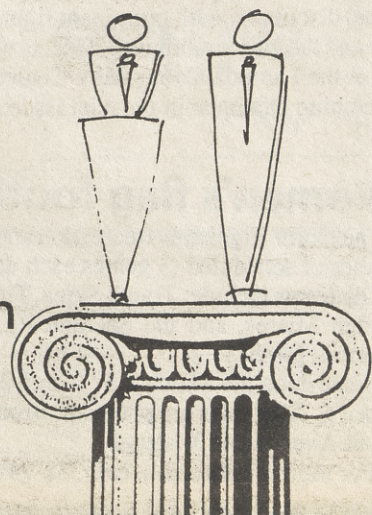
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## Rodeo update...

Members of the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association (GSGRA) invite all fans of the Gay Rodeo to the Greater Los Angeles Area Chapter Rodeo 1991, March 22, 23, and 24 at the Los Angeles Equestrian Park, 480 Riverside Dr., in Burbank.

Cowboys and cowgirls from the GSGRA will continue their quest for the 1991 International All-Around title in one of America's toughest sports.

Tickets are \$13 per day or for \$15 a day at the gate. Also offered are 2-day passes at \$25 or 3-day passes at \$30. Tickets can be ordered through Ticketron 800-382-8080 or 213-410-1062. For information: 213-983-1935.▼

## Lite Rail Gallery presents...

Lite Rail Gallery is presenting a two-fold exhibition; "Songs for Africa: unity through artistic vision: features the works of two African-American and two Eurocentric artists, as the gallery celebrates the culture, mystery, and spirit of the African people. Featured artists are Guy Colwell, Claude Ferguson, Ruth Tunstall-Grant and Michael Scott Jones, and; "Tribute, the works of Al Pierson" recognizes the achievements of one of Sacramento's most creative, innovative and productive artists.

The exhibition opens on March 1 with a reception on March 15, 7-9pm; featuring entertainment provided by Up In Roots and LACE. there will be a no-host dessert bar. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11am-5pm.▼

## Applications available for theatre festival

Applications are available for participation in the Fourth Annual Great Theatre Lives Here Festival, September 13-22, sponsored by the Sacramento Area Regional Theatre Alliance (SARTA). The Great Theatre Lives Here Festival is a series of free, public theatre performances and other events designed to encourage community participation in local theatre and develop new audiences for Sacramento area theatres.

Theatre organizations and individual theatre artists interested in submitting proposals for productions to be included in the festival can obtain applications for the event by visiting the SARTA Theatre Resource Center, located at 2120 Royale Rd. Funds are available to compensate participating performers and groups.

The deadline for applications is April 10. For information: 925-3303.▼

## Neighborhood association officially organized

At their January meeting, the general membership of the Boulevard Park Neighborhood Association elected its first executive board, agreed on committee chairs, and adopted bylaws and a statement of intent. The committee chairs include Randy Hartley, public relations and communications.

Boulevard Park, located in the northeast portion of the city, is Sacramento's oldest subdivision with most of its beautiful homes having been built at the turn-of-the-century. Association members are working on a variety of projects all designed to enhance and preserve the quality of life in the neighborhood.▼

## Women fostering change

The California Commission on the Status of Women is sponsoring a conference, "California Women Together: Nurturing Tradition, Fostering Change," in Sacramento, March 19-21. The conference underscores and reinforces continuation of the networking groups established at the 1989 conference, "Building Bridges for California Women."

For more information, call Pat Towner or Nan Smith at 445-3173.

## Music by Joey celebrates 1 year

Music by Joey, one of Sacramento's one-women disc-jockey, is celebrating one-year in business. Owner-operator Joey Clayton invites you to celebrate with her at the Shangri-La on Saturday, March 16 from 9pm-2am. The Shangri-La is located at 6339 Mack Road. Cover charge for March 16 is \$5.

## Who's next ... who cares?!!

"Hate Crimes: Who's next ... who cares?" is the title of the first Dialogue of 1991 sponsored by the River City Democratic Club (RCDC) on March 27 at 6:30pm at the Town House. The Dialogue will feature a panel discussion with prominent figures from law enforcement, judiciary and the gay community. Tickets will be available beginning March 11 at the Lambda Community Center. Look for more details on this upcoming Dialogue in the next issue of *MGW*.▼

## Women's flag football continues

The North Highlands Recreation and Park District has six Saturday's of games of scheduled (3 games each day), followed by a tournament.

The teams include: Tough Skins, Tight Ends, The Waves, The Patriots, Hitten Misses, and the Sacramento Connection. The league director Theresa Muth.

Game dates are March 2, 9, 16 and 23. The tournament is scheduled for April 6. All games are played at Brock Park on Antelope Road between Watt Avenue and Walerga.

For more information, call 332-7440.▼

## Prop 140 devastates networks

by John Mello  
OF MGW STAFF

Ken Topper and Stan Hadden, of the Senate Office of Community Affairs, have weathered the stringent staff cuts taking place in the Capitol as a result of the successful passage of last November's Schabarum Initiative, Proposition 140, to limit legislative operating costs. They describe their job as 'brokers of representation' empowering people through notification and teaching the public how to intervene. This covers gay and lesbian, HIV/PWA, women and Hispanic, domestic partners and family policy issues. Hadden is not optimistic, "This is devastating to established networks at a time when gay issues are becoming most apparent. More support and more ties with the outside equals more advocacy; now we are going to have to depend on interns and they will have to be quickly educated." Senator Roberti's concentration has been to try to augment volunteerism and get the public involved. Hadden continued, "A whole lot of the impact of what's happened is not going to be felt until policy and budget hearings start in May and June." Topper concurred, "It will be interesting to see how it shakes down. We will have to wait until the next ax falls in June and there may be more staff cuts between now and then."

Among the possibly irreplaceable experts who left the legislature are Jane Uitti, who for 10 years was consultant to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, and Leslie Cummings, who was the chief crafter of the AIDS budget for the past seven years with the Assembly Committee on Ways and means. These represent keen losses in terms of AIDS policy and funding expertise, though they will be taking this expertise into the advocacy arena where it's needed. Hadden feels that, "It's a critical time. There is a complacency among policy makers on AIDS issues because it's been around a long time, and I don't feel comfortable about that."

The Senate Office of Community Affairs reports that 10 percent of their calls come from foreign and out-of-state legislative staff seeking California policy models since our state leads in services, so their effectiveness has wider implications. Hadden explains, "There has to be somebody to do this stuff; where we used to refer, we now do the

work ourselves. What happens when people aren't here to inform the public after June? Reapportionment is going on and we need to be involved in that -- gay PACS hope to get a gay assembly district or two -- it's exciting! And with Assembly Bills 101 and 167 we're back on track with broader issues, but only if people in the field get access to information."

Margarita Contreras, who handles women's and Hispanics issues, suggested that there may be a legal challenge to Proposition 140's limits on terms of office from the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund (MALDEF) because of its impact on minority access. Many Hispanic political groups went on record to oppose the proposition because the term limitation would restrict current minority legislators' leadership careers and there is a belief that it would make it harder to get elected as a grass-roots candidate as well.

From the lobbyist's point of view, John Dunn-Mortimer, Executive Director of the AIDS Project Los Angeles Advocacy Services, sees that issues will be considered on a political rather than a policy basis: "We have to learn how to play retail politics. Wholesale politics are issues with national prominence, like AIDS was in 1988 when there were so many bills in the California Legislature. Retail politics are issues that receive less media coverage and therefore are only important to the legislator because constituents say it's important. We have relied on the media to create public awareness, but now we're going to have to develop a grass-roots approach such as creating neighborhood groups and letter-writing campaigns such

as Sacramento's Lambda Letters." Dunn-Mortimer questions, "What are elected officials going to trust? The bill analyses won't have as much credibility." His recommendation: "Take five minutes to write a letter to your representative about AIDS."

Doug Brown, whose position with the Senate Select Committee on Small Business Enterprises was eliminated with that committee, and who is well known locally for his seemingly tireless efforts on behalf of our community, has been offered a job as a lobbyist. He intends to stay active in the unofficial Capitol gay and lesbian caucus (an outgrowth of Dennis Manger's trail-blazing Network) and had this to add, "At least the best people are still there: Ken Topper, Stan Hadden and Rand Martin."

Rand Martin, on the staff of Assemblyman Terry Friedman (author of Assembly Bill 101), admitted that, "Constituent services are going to suffer because there are fewer staff members sensitive to gay and lesbian issues, but there are tons of really good people still here."

Our office has responded to the challenge by cutting back on our bill load. With fewer analyses (Assembly third reading analyses have been eliminated, meaning they will no longer be available on the Floor during session) legislators will depend more on their staff." Martin expressed optimism that, "Legislators who are more educated on a particular issue could be more influential with those who are less informed." He also stressed that it is still too early to know what the full impact will be, but that in the meantime it will be harder to get the message across.▼

## Vacancy Announcements County of Sacramento

The following committees and commissions have vacancies as listed below. Appointments are made by the Board of Supervisors. Applications are available at all public libraries and the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. For more detailed information call 440-5411.

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Affirmative Action Committee	Open filing		3 citizens
Agricultural Advisory Committee	Open filing		2 homeowner assoc.
Child Care Authority Task Force	Open filing		2 members
Citrus Heights Comm. Plan, Adv. Council	2/25/91	3/8/91	1 resident of area
Cosumnes Area Comm. Plan, Adv. Council	Open filing		1 resident of area
County Justice System Advisory Group	2/25/91	3/8/91	1 private agency rep.
Elk Grove-Cosumnes Cemetery District	Open filing		1 resident of area
Fair Oaks Comm. Plan, Advisory Council	Open filing		1 resident of area
Franklin/Laguna Comm. Plan, Adv. Council	2/25/91	3/8/91	1 resident of area
Galt-Arno Cemetery Dist. Maternal, Child & Adol. Health Adv. Board	2/25/91	3/8/91	2 residents of area 2 members
Mental Health Adv. Bd. N. Highlands/Foothill	Open filing		1 consumer member 2 residents of area
Farms Comm. Planning Adv. Council	3/18/91	3/29/91	1 attorney 1 general public
Sac. Metro. Air Quality Mgmt. Dist. Hearing Board	Open filing		4 residents of area
Southeast Area Comm. Planning Adv. Council	Open filing		2 residents of area
S. Sac. Comm. Planning Advisory Council	2/25/91	3/8/91	1 resident of area
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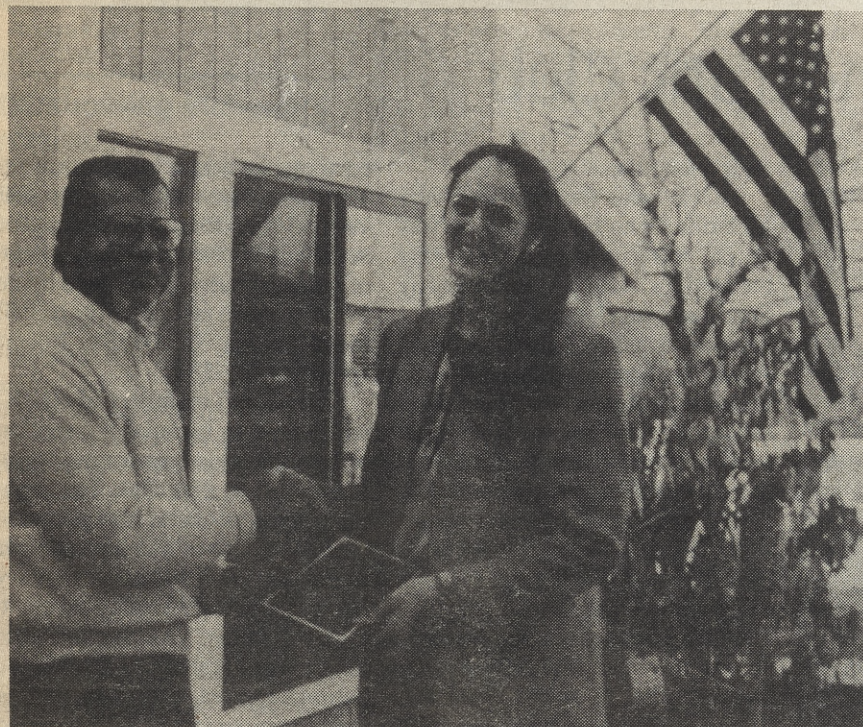
## Sacramento City Council

The following commission has a vacancy as listed below. Interested persons are required to file written notice on forms available in the Office of the City Clerk, 915 I St., Rm. 303, Sacramento. Further information may be obtained by calling 916-449-8200.

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## Thank you for years of dedication



Gus Guichard presented Nurk Franklin, former Sacramento AIDS Foundation financial accountant, for her outstanding long term dedication to SAF. Franklin now works for the Governor's Criminal Justice Planning Department.

## Sloan, Yutzy seeking appointments

by M.R. Richards  
OFMGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA -- Sacramento's Lambda Community Center founder, Rev. Jerry Sloan and Executive Director, Donna Yutzy are seeking appointments with the Chairperson of Sacramento County's Board of Supervisors, Illa Collin, in order to avert proposed cuts in AIDS funding in 1991-92. The two will also meet with Sacramento Mayor Ann Rudin this week.

According to Sloan, the county now administers \$850,000 in AIDS funding and the State is proposing to cut that amount to about \$800,000. "That would cause across-the-board cuts to many smaller organizations which are doing AIDS education and are conducting prevention programs," Sloan said. "I'd like to see what the county can do to be more aggressive in getting more funds to offset these cuts. There is a county lobbyist and we'd like to know just what that lobbyist is doing to get more money from the State Office of AIDS -- as a matter of fact I'd like to find out what the lobbyist for the City of Sacramento is doing on this issue. For the most part, the County has been 'holding the line' for the last two years and instead they, and we, should have been seeking greater income. Given all the projections,

including the HIV 2000 Report, which states the need for more services because of the projected number of cases expected in Sacramento County we need to be on the move now to get this funding in place," Sloan said.

Yutzy concurred, "It's not just the cuts, the other factor is that caseloads are increasing -- not decreasing -- newly diagnosed, ongoing care and the a new population needing information in creative ways. That \$850,000 still represents a deficit -- you can't assume a static AIDS population in Sacramento because the full effects of the pandemic haven't yet struck."

The Lambda Center is a member of the Sacramento County Advisory Committee On AIDS, (ACOA), which in turn "advises" the Health Council which then in turn advises the County. Yutzy said she wants to start an aggressive advocacy program. "We need to develop a consortium of just service providers who will start looking at alternative sources of funding. We have to approach corporate entities for money and grants. This consortium of AIDS service providers needs to be set anyway in order to receive Title II (Ryan White) federal money. As a group we can also approach our big corporations for alternative sources of funding -- we're too

dependent on grants from the government," Yutzy said. "We need to be putting full page ads in the Bee -- we need to be working with United Way. It took five years for us to get what we needed from United Way in San Francisco -- to be included in the listing on their selection card so people don't have to come out at work just to make a donation. To be a member of ACOA is to advise the county about subvention funds, just that, no more. We need to do more. For instance there is no recognized gay community leader on the review committee for grants -- the one effort to recruit such a person was unclear -- and having only one person on that review committee when our community has the highest number of persons affected by the disease is questionable," Yutzy said. She said, "A person who has been identified as the gay member on the review committee is Richard Burrell, we haven't seen him here at Lambda and in checking with the Sacramento AIDS Foundation no one there seems to know who he is. The set up of the committee and the review procedure as it exists really makes us vulnerable -- I'm hoping that with our talks with Illa Collin we'll be able to reach some equitable solutions and be able to effect some change."▼

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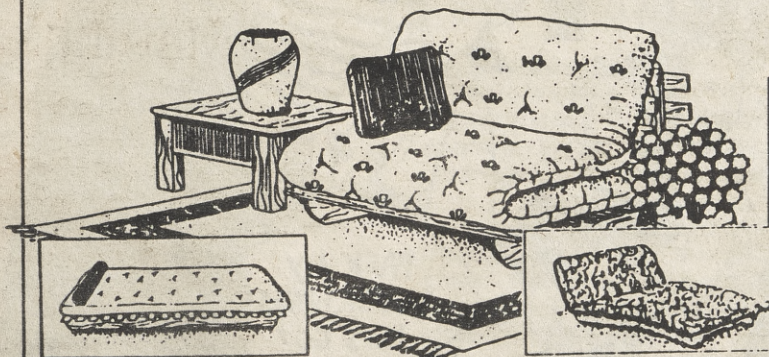
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# LIFE AIDS Lobby Director speaks Democratic Club

by Jim Walker  
MANAGING EDITOR

Laurie McBride, the Executive Director of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality and an River City Democratic Club Member spoke to the group about her organization's agenda and explained why LIFE is "watching" rather than supporting a bill that would make it legal for gays to marry in California.

"LIFE is backing AB 101 (D-Terry Friedman, Sherman Oaks). We knew whoever the new governor was, Pete or Dianne, he or she would be better than Deukmejian, anyone would be better than Deukmejian." AB 101 would make it illegal to deny housing or employment because of sexual orientation. McBride said initial supporting was "encouraging." She said the bill gained 17 co-author the first time it crossed the figurative "legislative desk."

LIFE, however, is not supporting AB 167 by Assemblyman John Burton (D-San Francisco). McBride said LIFE had four basic reasons for adopting a "watch" rather than a support status. Those reasons; a) fight one battle at a time (AB 101 comes first); b) Let gays and lesbians pick their own battles; c) There may be a better way than heterosexual marriage.

"It's not that we don't care, it's a lot timing. There is going to be a de-

bate in this community and not everyone is going to agree (that adopting heterosexual marriage is the way to go)."

McBride said she would prefer a family registry system to same-sex marriage or domestic partnership, however, the domestic partner plan recently approved in San Francisco is a step in the right direction.

The organization is already fighting for AB 101 and it is fighting forces like Lou Sheldon of the Tradition Values Coalition. LIFE has already brought several corporate speakers into the Assembly including the Coors Beer Company. "We are talking to lots of companies like Disneyland, Zerox, big companies that people listen to."

The first committee hearing on AB 101 (originally sponsored by the National Organization for Women years ago) is scheduled for March 13. As for what the public can do, McBride urged RCDC members to compose handwritten letters to the state's larger corporations and to lawmakers.

Aside from pressing projects like AB 101, McBride is glad to be in Sacramento, away from Bay Area power plays.

"I walked into the Harvey Milk Club recently and realized how different things are in Sacramento. In San Francisco, you had to survive and claw your way up, I have to tell you how much I've enjoyed the pleasantness of the people of RCDC."

McBride is also pleased to be a member of the River City Democratic Club.

"Around the state, I find different groups are preoccupied with different things, but RCDC seems to be pretty well balanced in their interests concerning a number of issues."

The LIFE director also thinks



Photo by Pamela Coffey  
Laurie McBride

Sacramento political activists are setting a better example for the state as a whole.

"They (San Francisco gay political activists) look inward and focus only on San Francisco and forget the rest of the state. Sacramento seems to follow a different pattern. Activism is different. The models you create here (at RCDC) can be applied elsewhere- it's very important to be proud of them." McBride also thanked RCDC members for

their friendliness.

LIFE was founded in 1986. McBride, who's predecessor was RCDC member Rand Martin, said the need for a lobby was exposed by Stan Hadden, a longtime staffer for Senator David Roberti (D-Los Angeles). "Stan had been sending a lot of information for a long time saying 'we need help on this.' There were people with money who wanted to help, but didn't want to deal with details. We really needed something. Most of the legislation back then was to bash gays and lesbians and people AIDS."

McBride says the group worked-up the letters LIFE before they decided what it would stand for. "They wanted to get the life back into what it means to be living with AIDS or HIV."

"LIFE has been pretty successful in stopping some outrageous legislation and even making some proactive suggestions," said McBride. The director said LIFE reviews between 60 and 80 bills a year and has a budget of about \$150,000.

"We are gaining support, we have lots of support. When we go in and start talking, people listen. I can point to people all the time I know will support us," said McBride.

In other RCDC activity:

- Members are campaigning for Patti Mattingly, a candidate for State Senate in District 1, the vast area from Sacramento County north and east to the Oregon border. Mattingly and two Republicans will

compete in a special election on Tuesday, March 19 to fill the seat vacated by John Doolittle, the Republican elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. To participate in the effort to elect Mattingly, call Mary Smith at 395-0428 or Robert Jordan at 487-5846).

- Nearly 20 members of RCDC will attend to biennial convention of the California Democratic Party, March 1-3 in Oakland. The highlight of the weekend is expected to be the selection of a new party chair following the resignation of Jerry Brown, who is stepping-down to join a crowded race for the state senate seat vacated by Pete Wilson (current appointee through 1992 is John Seymour, a republican). Also expected to be a highlight, the Gay/Lesbian Caucus meeting on Friday, March 1.

- RCDC voted to support the legislative program proposed by Legislative Chair Stan Hadden. Hadden's agenda includes working with committees to identify Congressional, Senate and Assembly districts representing RCDC members. Other goals included the establishment of a list of prominent mainstream community leaders to secure endorsements for national and/or state lesbian and gay civil rights bills.

- RCDC tentatively scheduled its birthday party for March 23 at Face's.

The next RCDC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 6:30pm at the Lambda Community Center. ▽

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# HIV newsline

by Sonya Cox  
HIV EDITOR

## DDC showing increasing promise...

The on-going limited trials on DDC are showing some positive results although, as with all new medicines, only time will tell. Currently DDC seems to be surpassing DDI as the next viable alternative to AZT, although some physicians feel that the ultimate benefits will be seen using DDC either alternatively or simultaneously with AZT. It's thought that the advantage of alternating the drugs (that is, taking AZT for one week or one month, and DDC the next, and then back to AZT) is that the body would have time to recover from any side effects that could occur from either, and that overlapping toxicities would be minimized. But taking both at the same time, say other physicians, may remove the possibility that the body could build a resistance to one during the time it's not being taken, and at the same time achieve maximum virus control. Of course, at this time correct dosages and best timeframes have not been established. At the moment, before DDC is approved by the Food and Drug Administration, it is legally available only to those who have failed or are intolerant to AZT and DDI. After FDA approval of DDI and DDC, hoped for before the end of this year, physicians will have the legal authority to prescribe the drugs as they see fit. People on DDC (approximately 50 in limited trials) are reporting an average rise in T-cells of about 160 per person; additionally, none of the individuals taking DDC for the past year has had an opportunistic infection after being

on it for about three months. Side effects of DDC include neuropathy -- a numbness, tingling, or pain in feet or fingers. When this happens with DDC, the side effects in most cases so far disappear as soon as the medicine is discontinued. After the numbness has resolved, the medication can be resumed at a lower dosage until the correct dosage for the body is discovered. This apparent ease in controlling side effects of DDC may ultimately lead to this drug being used more than DDI, which can cause severe and painful pancreatitis in some people and resulted in six deaths in early tests. However, many people seem to be doing very well on DDI. Let's keep our fingers crossed on these treatments -- not only that they continue to show promise as proper dosages are refined, but that their cost remains within reach once they're approved by FDA.

## CD4 research cut back...

Research is being curtailed on what had been hoped to be a promising new AIDS drug, CD4-IGG. It was thought that fusing CD4 with immunoglobulin-G could block mother-to-child transmission. The drug's manufacturer, Genetech, launched the project last year but now says tests on 90 adults show the drug is safe, but ineffective. Tests of this version on humans will stop, but the company will continue to research whether a synthetic version of CD4 will accomplish their goal.

## AIDS safeguards for doctors...

More than 1,000 orders have been received so far for a device designed to allow doctors to treat

crushed chests and collapsed lungs while reducing their risk of exposure to HIV. The Nu-Thur kit helps physicians avoid cutting themselves on patients' broken bones while working inside the chest cavity. Using a syringe and clamp system, the device allows a probe to help re-inflate collapsed lungs or perform other functions in which doctors ordinarily would use their fingers.

## Killer toxin linked to dementia...

Researchers have recently found strong evidence that HIV doesn't have to attack brain cells to cause brain damage. Instead, studies suggest that, when the AIDS virus infects certain immune system cells (macrophages), it triggers them to release a powerful toxin that kills or damages the critically important neurons in the brain and central nervous system. The research team from the Veterans Administration Medical Center and the University of California at San Francisco is already at work analyzing the chemistry of the neurotoxin and testing drugs that might neutralize the poisonous material and perhaps prevent or reverse toxic damage to brain cells. More than 60 percent of people with AIDS eventually develop some form of dementia, ranging from mild confusion to a devastating loss of mental function, loss of muscle control, and even total paralysis.

## Amino acid tests showing promise ...

Growth of the AIDS virus in test tube experiments was suppressed between 80 and 90 percent by the addition of an amino acid called glutathione, says a research team at

Stanford University. The studies done thus far are based on recent findings that surprisingly low amounts of glutathione exist in people with HIV. The scientists caution against any impression that AIDS is the result of glutathione deficiency. Glutathione is an amino acid that is essential for basic cellular function. The test tube findings are significant enough, however, that federal health officials are seeking approval to begin studies on human beings to see if this amino acid can lengthen the time from HIV infection to an AIDS diagnosis, or in any way stop the HIV virus from progressing.

## Hang in there...

Continuing research is showing more and more promise in extending the lives of people with HIV and AIDS. New medications and lifestyle changes are adding years and quality of life to those with the virus. There is no cure yet for AIDS, but on-going research may some day allow us to see decades put between HIV infection and the on-set of an AIDS-classified illness. Right now, many people are averaging 11-15 years after HIV diagnosis before they get a first illness, and more and more are living for several years with full-blown AIDS. In addition to the development of drugs to deal with HIV itself, such as AZT, given at about the 500-T cell mark in varying dosages, there is an intense search for drugs to treat those infections and cancers that are often fatal to people with AIDS. Drugs include anti-infectives to act directly against infection, immunomodulators to boost the body's own immune system, and anti-neoplastics to act directly against the cancers and

infections: (1) Gancyclovir is approved to treat PWAs with sight-threatening CMV retinitis. (2) Two recombinant human alpha interferons have also been approved to treat KS. (3) Injectable pentamidine has been approved for the treatment of pneumocystis pneumonia, once the chief killer of all PWAs. (4) Those who show adverse reactions to pentamidine have available to them trimethoprim (Bactrim/Septra) and Trimetrexate. (5) Aerosolized pentamidine is commercially available for use in preventing the occurrence and recurrence of Pneumocystis, and has a good track record of doing so when given as a person approaches the 250 T-cell mark. (6) Fluconazole has been approved for treatment of candidiasis and cryptococcal meningitis. Additionally, FDA has approved more than 80 on-going studies to test approximately 30 drugs for infections such as toxoplasmosis, diarrhea, and lymphomas.

Researchers are tirelessly doing their part, but you must do yours: you MUST know your HIV status to make it through this disease. Get tested, attend support group meetings to learn how others are staying well, and hang in there. Buying time is the name of this game, and many of the answers are on the way. After you get tested, encourage your best friends to take care of themselves, and make sure you all know how NOT to spread the virus. And this is spelled C-O-N-D-O-M-S!!!! If you've gotten most of your safe-sex information from friends or hear-say, take the AIDS Foundation's "Buddy Connection" course to make sure you know first-hand what safe practices specifically are.

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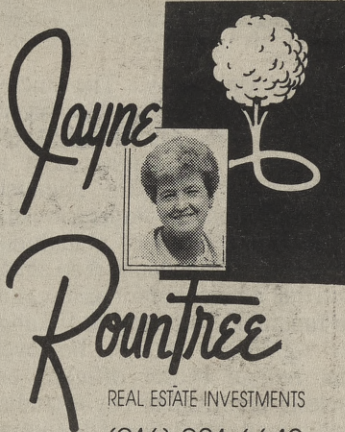
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### Phil Angelides could be chair

Phil Angelides, the Sacramento developer who wants to replace Jerry Brown as chair of the California Democratic Party, is circulating a resolution among democrats that could substantially change the way the state party organization uses much of its funds.

The resolution comes after Brown was blamed by many democrats for losing the governorship to the Republicans.

Democrats say Angelides resolution would set-up specific account for get-out-the-vote efforts; set-up a committee of experienced people to a build grass-roots organization for voter registration; direct 65 percent of the Party's net telemarketing revenues to the new account for voter registration; direct 10 percent of net revenues to lower committees around the state to fund grass-roots operations; require the executive board to monitor progress of grass-roots committees.

The resolution will be debated and voted on at the state party convention March 1-3. The other candidate for state party chair is San Francisco attorney Mitch Fine.

### Survey signals satisfaction in bed

Male couples may have sex more than lesbian couples, but lesbian couples appear to enjoy it more. These are among the results of a national survey of 1,266 gay and lesbian couples, conducted by Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples.

Male couples had sex ten times per month on average, while lesbians averaged seven times. Most active were couples together one year or less, who had sex about twice as often.

Sex was rated most highly by couples who were more committed and those who rated overall relationship quality more highly. In contrast, older respondents and those caring for children rated sexual interaction lower.

The lesbian couples had been together an average of 4.9 years; the male couples averaged 6.9 years together.

A summary of the results is available by writing Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109 or by calling (206) 784-1519.

### The Experience returning to Sacramento

The Experience, a workshop about love, truth and being powerful in life, is returning to Sacramento April 19-21.

The first Experience in Sacramento was held last September. More than 30 people graduated the week-end-long workshop, facilitated by Rob Eichberg, Ph.D. and Honey Ward.

Experience graduates are encouraged to support the next Experience by talking to friends about the workshop and/or participating in one of several committees.

A special scholarship is being made available in honor of Gary Batchner who passed away last December. Anyone with AIDS or HIV is eligible for the scholarship.

A series of free previews are currently being held.

For more information on the workshop or previews, call Lily Andrews at 481-0105.

### Campaign to end homophobia now "networking"

The highly touted concept of "networking" has come alive at the Campaign to End Homophobia. The Homophobia Educators Referral Service (HERS) is a referral network of anti-homophobia speakers, trainers and educators.

Any member of the campaign may be listed in the HERS network at no charge, but only campaign will be listed.

For more information, call Cooper Thompson at (617) 868-8280.

### Smooth character + Helms = danger for gays everywhere

ACT-UP is planning a major boycott of R.J. Reynolds, the biggest supporter of Senator Jesse Helms who is now trying to outlaw homosexuals.

RJR gave \$750,000 to Helms to build an anti-gay memorial in North Carolina. ACT-UP is adding RJR's products to the boycott list along with the products of Phillip Morris Company.

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## finance

### Tax time approaches

by Catherine Whitney  
OF MGW STAFF

The holidays have come and gone and we are beginning a brand new year. It's time to make our new year's resolutions and time to set goals for the year to come. If one of your resolutions last year was to put all of 1990 tax information into a large envelope, getting ready for your tax appointment will be a snap. But if you are one of those shoe box types, your task will not be as simple. While you are sorting through those bits and pieces of your financial records, take two minutes to find an envelope large enough to contain 1991's information. When those cancelled checks come in at the end of the month, separate out the tax items and put them into the envelope. If you do this now, next year at this time you will be thankful.

What kind of information do you need to do your taxes?

1) All items about income you have earned. These should include all W2s listing income earned as an employee. Your employer is required by law to issue these to you no later than Jan. 31.

2) All 1099's, listing interest, dividends, sale of real estate or other investments, pension payment and income earned as an independent contractor. The IRS has a matching program and will pick up any 1099's you leave out.

If you own your own business, it's time to reconcile your books, determining your gross income and all of the expenses that you may write off against this income. There are some new things to remember this year. Congress has essentially raised the Social Security Tax (self-employment tax) to .153, but has given a credit equal to half of the S.E. Tax. This credit may be subtracted from your Schedule C income. They

have also continued the deduction of 25 percent of your medical insurance, which is taken not on your Schedule C, but as an adjustment to income on page one of your 1040. If you have not already done so, it's time to think about providing for your retirement by setting up an SEP/IRA. This year the mileage rate for business use of your car will be .26 cents a mile. For the first time, you may not take a deduction for the standard base rate on your telephone, unless you have a separate line for your business.

Other income to report:

- 1) State refund if you itemized last year.
- 2) Rental income.
- 3) Partnership income, general and limited.
- 4) Lottery winnings, and other gambling winnings.
- 5) Social Security payments, if your income is above certain levels.
- 6) Jury Duty pay.

For those who itemize their deductions, there has been little change on the Schedule A. We are nearing the final phase out of the personal interest deduction. On your 1990 taxes, you may deduct 10 percent of your credit card interest and other personal loan interest. For your 1991 taxes, there will be no deduction.

This year, the standard deduction has been indexed for inflation. The rates will be:

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The personal exemption has also been indexed. In 1990, it will be \$2050. If you have children, they may not claim a personal exemption on their return if you claim on your return. You must have a SS# for dependents who are at least two years old and you must provide the name of your child care provider to

receive a child care credit. The qualifying child must be under 13 years old. dependents who are students, and under the age of 24, do not have to pass the gross income test. Over 24, if they earn over \$2050, you may not claim them as dependents on your return. You may choose to claim unearned income of children under 14 years old. To qualify, the child's income must consist entirely of dividends/interest income and exceed \$500 but less than \$5000.

One last thing to remember as you prepare to do your taxes. The best time to prepare for an audit is when you do your return. report all income and take all deductions you are entitled to, but keep all records that substantiate this income and deductions. ▼

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# First lesbian kiss on L.A. Law

By Ben Carlson  
of SFBA GLAAD

## L.A. Law kiss makes history

If you didn't see it, you must have heard about it: the first lesbian kiss on a network television series on Thursday, February 7. The historic smooch makes attorney C.J. Lamb, a regular character on NBC's L.A. Law, the only recurring gay or bisexual female character currently on television.

The last recurring lesbian character on network TV was nurse-practitioner Marilyn McGrath on ABC's Heartbeat. The show was cancelled in early '89 amid a massive campaign against the character by the right-wing American Family Association.

According to NBC, some advertisers yanked their ads from the L.A. Law episode and at least half of viewer calls to stations were negative, but the reaction was "mild" for the Emmy Award-winning series that has consistently broken traditional boundaries in its five seasons.

Send letters of support and encouragement to David Kelly, Executive Producer, L.A. Law, Twentieth Century Fox Television, P.O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA. 90213.

## KNBR still carrying Rush Limbaugh

Bay Area radio station KNBR picked-up the syndicated "Rush Limbaugh Program" last November, shortly after it was cancelled by KGO. GLAAD's recent visit to KNBR to review the station's public files disclosed that letters to the station concerning Limbaugh are running four to one against his program. In fact, KNBR received 476 letters of complaint about the program in the first month they broadcast it. Peter B. Collins, whose talk show immediately follows Limbaugh, openly criticizes station management on the air for running the program. Even the station's employees turn it off.

Referring last November 26 to a news story about gays who fight for the legal right to marry, Limbaugh said "the subcultures now, my friends, are tired of being subcultures; they want to be mainstream, even if that means redefining normalcy and obliterating morality."

On December 3, Limbaugh referred to a comparison of "the civil rights of the AIDS patient or the rights of the innocent, the rights of the healthy not to get the disease." So people with AIDS are guilty? Of what?

"As to homosexuality, I think it's wrong," said Limbaugh on December 6. That's like saying left-handedness is wrong. Wrong how? Wrong for what? Wrong for happiness?

Wrong for peace? It's not wrong for a homosexual. Homosexuality, like left-handedness, is not an answer to a question. It exists.

"This country, I think, has been told a lie...that the single best way to avoid getting AIDS...is to use a condom...What is most practical is you don't have promiscuous sex. You have sex with a single partner. You don't engage in gay male sex."

What if you're a gay male, Rush? We were curious about how KNBR balances this kind of garbage, so we checked the 520 public affairs programs it has aired in the past two years. Only 5 represented the lesbian/gay community. We looked at the 1,248 public service announcements from the same period. Only 5 were lesbian/gay. A meeting with the station's management is in the works. To help, sensitize the station to the issues we'd like to discuss with them, write to Tony Salvatore, Vice-President and General Manager, KNBR Radio, 55 Hawthorne, Suite 1100, San Francisco, CA. 94105.

## Oakland Tribune endorses ordinance

On Monday, February 4, the Oakland Tribune published a strong editorial endorsement of the new version of Concord's anti-discrimination ordinance. The proposed ordinance contains protection against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and it was precisely this aspect which the Tribune chose to highlight in its call for support the measure. Please thank the Editor, Oakland Tribune, P.O. Box 24424, Oakland, CA. 94623.

Please also encourage the paper to cover the issues of the lack of AIDS funding in Oakland, Alameda County and Contra Costa County and the ongoing issue of hate crimes against sexual minorities in the East Bay.

## Nothing more than a bunch of talk?

According to the fancy publicity they've sent-out, the new "Realizing America's Hope" project is "aimed at helping the nation respond to the state of crisis affecting America's youth." This "comprehensive initiative to stimulate action at the national, state and local levels" involves funding from major corporations (General Motors and Metropolitan Life) as well as prominent private foundations.

In over twenty glossy pages about underachievement, suicide, substance abuse, pregnancy, self-esteem, drop-out rates, etc., the project's brochure fails to mention anything about the prevalence or prevention of such problems among lesbian, gay and bisexual youth.

Write to Realizing America's Hope, South Carolina ETV, P.O. Box Drawer L, 2712 Millwood

Avenue, Columbia, SC 29250 or call 1-800-277-0829.

## Another blind spot?

The Public Television Outreach Alliance (PTOA) has a similar blind spot like America's Hope. PTOA has chosen the theme "The Family: All Together Now" - Public TV Tunes in to KIDS and Family" for its 1991 project. In the project prospectus there is not one word about sexual minorities. Invisibility kills! The PTOA is supported by the National Association of State Boards of Education, of Elementary School Principals and of Secondary School Principals. These groups must be sensitive to issues of diversity, fairness and accuracy.

Write to Ricki Wertz, Project Director or Lisa Nehus, Public Television Outreach Alliance, 4802 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. 15213. Ask for a written reply and send a copy to GLAAD.

## Gabriel's Fire unfair

Newspaper advertisements for the January 31 episode of the ABC drama series Gabriel's Fire summed-up the plot as follows: "Gabriel tackles the supermarket tabloids when a pro football player is accused of being gay." The episode itself was as homophobic as the advertisement. In the episode, Brad Fixx, a straight professional football player, sues a tabloid for libel for describing him as gay after the publicity ruins his life (he is alienated from his 14-year-old son, he loses professional contracts, his hopes for coaching are dashed, and the camp he runs for underprivileged children goes down the drain). The tabloid backs up its case with the testimony of gay man who claims to have been Brad's lover. The gay man, Kyle Ray, is a member of a group called "Outers of America" and as it turns out, he has a history of publicity claiming that straight celebrities are gay in order to try and gain creditability for gays.

Brad makes passionate speeches to his son and to his lawyer about the unfairness of the tabloid's lie, but there's no reference to the unfairness of the homophobia hysteria which is really responsible for ruining Brad's life. Brad says "I have nothing against homosexuals - it's 1991." Does the year have something to do with whether or not it's right to have something against homosexuals?

ABC currently has no regular lesbian or gay characters in any of its series. It is unfortunate that a rare gay character such as Kyle Ray is a liar and an extremist. Please write to ABC and demand a more balanced and realistic portrayal of sexual minorities. Write to Robert Iger, President, ABC Entertainment, 2040 Avenue of the Stars, Century City, CA. 90067 or call him at (213) 557-7777. ▽

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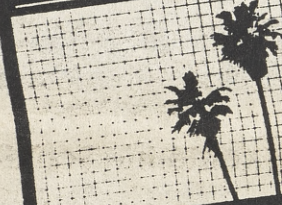
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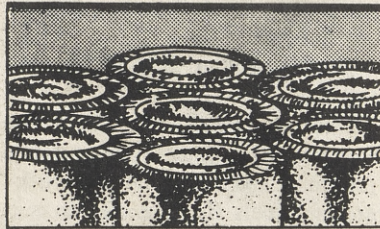
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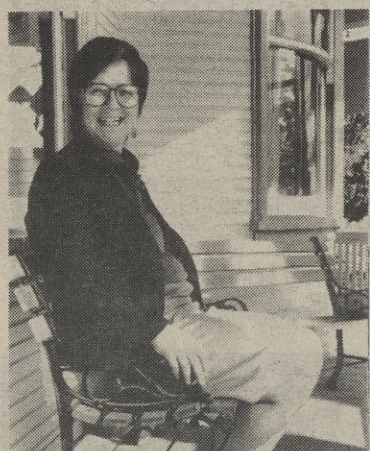
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# New director of Lambda Community Center merges *social* conscience with CORPORATE

## skills

by Karl Greene  
Photos by Pamela Coffey



The day-to-day operation of the Lambda Community Center is now in the hands of a high-energy woman who calls herself a "corporate dyke." She has big ideas and the experience to carry them out. The new executive director of the center is Donna Yutzy, raised in Kenya, educated in Indiana and "re-educated" in the rough-and-tumble world of San Francisco gay politics.

She steps into the job at a critical moment for the gay community center which has recently gone through hard times in terms of its public image. Last June, Tim Warford, the center's first director, died of AIDS-related pneumonia. Throughout last summer, Bill Gingrich served as interim director. For the past several months, Trisha Harper was the new executive director. The center's board of directors terminated her employment.

The board has hired Donna Yutzy who has high hopes for the future of the agency. Aware of the recent commotion over Harper's departure, Yutzy stresses that she is on a probationary period like a beginner in any new job.

She insists that, despite the controversy, the Lambda Center is actually doing very well. She points to the center's 15 different ongoing programs and 100 volunteer workers and feels that the center is a model for gay activists in smaller cities throughout the state.

"In the 70s and 80s, the big urban areas such as San Francisco and L.A. led the way for the gay com-



munity," said Yutzy, "but the models they developed don't work here. In Sacramento, we're developing a model of community organization that can work in Denver and Phoenix and Pittsburgh.

"Gay and lesbian leaders from Chico and Marin County have visited our Lambda Center to find out how we do it!" she said. "A strong community center can support a strong gay community and vice versa. We will empower each other."

Yutzy has a long list of goals for the center's future -- goals ranging from day care programs for children to "elder programs" for senior citizens.

Her goals include several programs for young people including job training, GED schooling and a "network of social support" involving an expanded Cafe Lambda, video productions, and numerous other activities.

Additionally, she foresees "strong lesbian projects," and specific programs for people of color. Yutzy stresses that any programs for people of color must be developed by them, not by whites for them.

The new director expects to make a number of changes in the center's operations. Chief among these is a degree of openness not familiar to the local gay community. "Everything will be open," proclaimed Yutzy. "We will prepare meeting agendas in advance and they will be offered to the gay newspapers and placed on bulletin boards in gay gathering places."

Another change she plans is conducting a "strong public relations

background, with her business experience enabling her to recognize the value of public relations.

She also has a long list of ideas for raising the money to reach these goals. "We'll do some serious grantwriting; develop a 'major donor' program; have house parties; expand the 800 Club, conduct direct-mail fundraising; The Lambda Players, will make money for the center; and, we'll establish 'profit centers.'"

Yutzy explained that "profit centers" are ongoing money-making projects such as thrift stores, restaurants, or child care programs.

Much of the recent concern about the Lambda Center has centered on the agency's board of directors, a self-appointed, self-perpetuating group of lesbians and gay men. Yutzy thinks the board isn't strong enough. "The board ought to be doing long-range planning, developing policies and fundraising. Its members should not be involved in the day-to-day operation of the center," she insisted.

Yutzy was among the candidates who interviewed for the center director position last fall when the job was first announced. She competed with Trisha Harper for the position at that time, then withdrew her name from competition.

"While I was waiting for the Lambda board to decide, the University of California Students Association offered me a good job as an advocate before the state legislature. That job was 'in the hand' so I took it," she said.

"When the Lambda board came to me in January asking me to reconsider taking the job. It was a sandbag situation. Full of land-



mines. Why would I want that?

"But, gay and lesbian issues are my passion. The board members asked me, 'what do you want in order to consider this job?' I told them I wanted to see some new directions in the entire operation.

"For years I was dedicated to making money. Lots of it. My priorities changed a couple of years ago when I spent six months caring for a gay man -- a close friend -- dying of AIDS-related cancer. I took a leave of absence from my corporate work to take care of him at home.

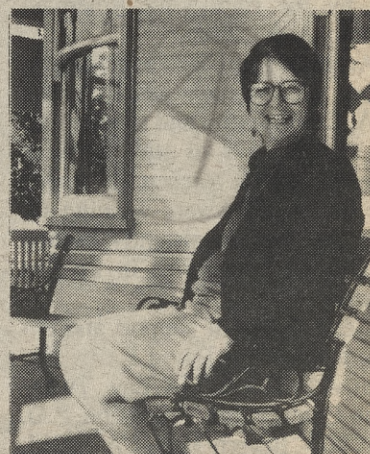
"During that time, I decided that money was no longer the most important motivation for me. I developed a commitment to combining my professional work with my social activism."

Yutzy's corporate background began years ago. Born in Ohio, she left at the age of four weeks for Kenya where her father worked for the British government as the Commissioner of Schools for Western Kenya.

At the age of 16 she enrolled in Anderson College, a small, conservative Protestant school in Indiana where she was president of a women's sorority. She transferred to Indiana University where she majored in biology and chemistry.

"But, in 1973, my best friend and her husband moved to San Francisco because he liked San Francisco and wanted to live there. Soon, she got me to leave Indiana. She and I turned out to be lovers for nine years," said Yutzy.

In San Francisco, Yutzy earned a



a Montessori School; she was a founder of Bay Area Career Women, an organization of 1,500 lesbians which conducts some 280 events annually; she was the founding president of the board of the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic; she was the vice president for development of the Horizons Foundation, a gay business association; and she participated in numerous gay community activities.

"I did a lot of fundraising for gay-related causes in San Francisco. For example, I was the chair of a Christmas Eve dinner for the AIDS Emergency Fund. We fed 1,200 people and everything was donated," said Yutzy.

During her last few years in The City, Yutzy held a couple of significant positions in the business world. She was the Director of Training and Development for The Headquarters Company, a firm which operates executive suites across the nation. From that post, she moved on to become the general manager of The Executive Building, another firm operating in the executive suites field.

Yutzy's "life partner" is Laurie McBride, the executive director of the LIFE AIDS Lobby in Sacramento. She loves to travel. "I go to Kenya as often as I can," she said. She also likes backpacking and alpine skiing.

"One of my favorite activities -- an important one -- is spending a quiet weekend reading at a house on the beach in Mendocino. I need the silence.▼



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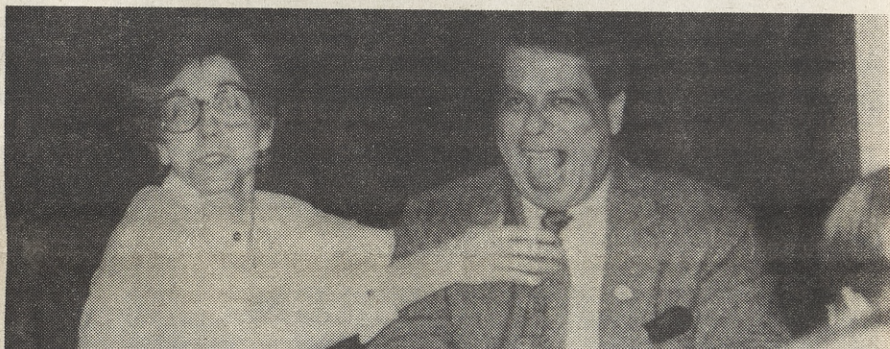


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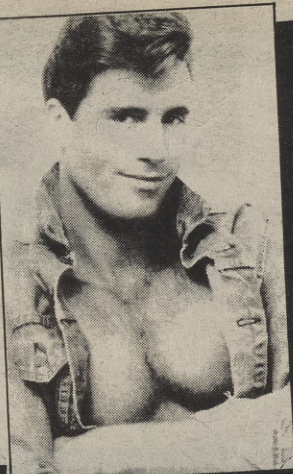
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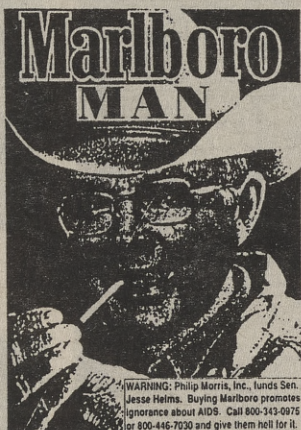
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## Planning ahead

by Hal Griffiths  
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With April, and the end of the reign, quickly advancing, the Empress is valiantly trying to get it all together. she is extremely pleased by the commitments that she's received from court and community members. With Large Marge as Ball Coordinator, things will be neither boring or calm. Zott will be in charge of putting together the program, so there will certainly be surprises there. Those of you wishing to advertise in the magazine can contact Empress XVI Stacey. The court is planning an out-of-town show for visiting monarchs at the Town House and Victory Brunch will be at Faces. Mark your date books for April 19, 20 and 21 for a weekend full of great celebration.

In preparation for the big event, Empress Vannah, Vern and a mystery dress designer took a ride into the city for beads, payettes, jewels and sequins. The Empress was confused; she thought she'd died and gone to heaven. She and her party also had a chance to have lunch with Nina, her eyelash connection. One can never have too many influential friends. It was a beautiful and fulfilling day in San Francisco.

The Empress also spent an evening with Imperial Crown Prince and Princess KC and Miss Robby, and Grand Duke and Duchess XI Gene and Racine, in front of the lenses and flashes. It isn't easy posing, being pinched, poked, pinned, prodded, pushed and pruned. And trying to smile sweetly through the entire process. It's no wonder models make big bucks and then marry rock stars.

### Love, love, love

Not everything lately has been preparations for coronation. The Grand Duke and Duchess hosted a Valentine's Ball on the 14th (how appropriate!). The Video Room at Faces was an absolute vision in red, white and glow. Grand Duke Gene and his dedicated crew did a fabulous job of design and decoration. There was lots of love and many lovers there that night. Empress Vannah was delighted to see Larry and Chuck who were celebrating five months of happiness. She was unclear if they'd just "celebrated," were going home to "celebrate" or both. To put everyone in the proper mood, Empress Vannah opened the show with that touchingly romantic Madonna song, *Hanky Panky*. She's sure there was a lot of it going on, anyway.

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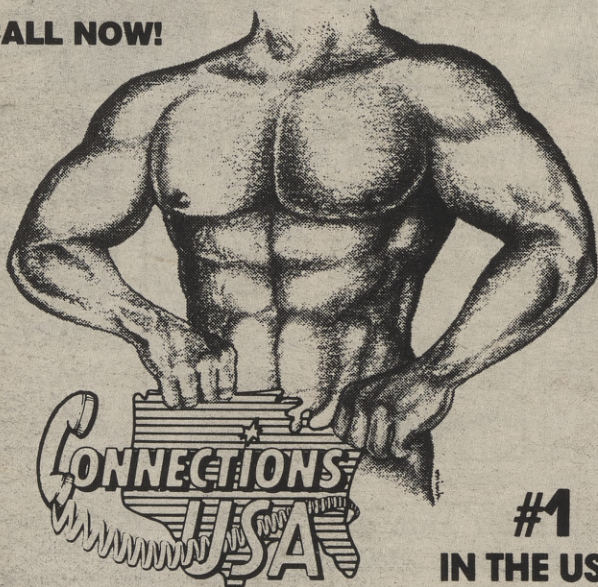
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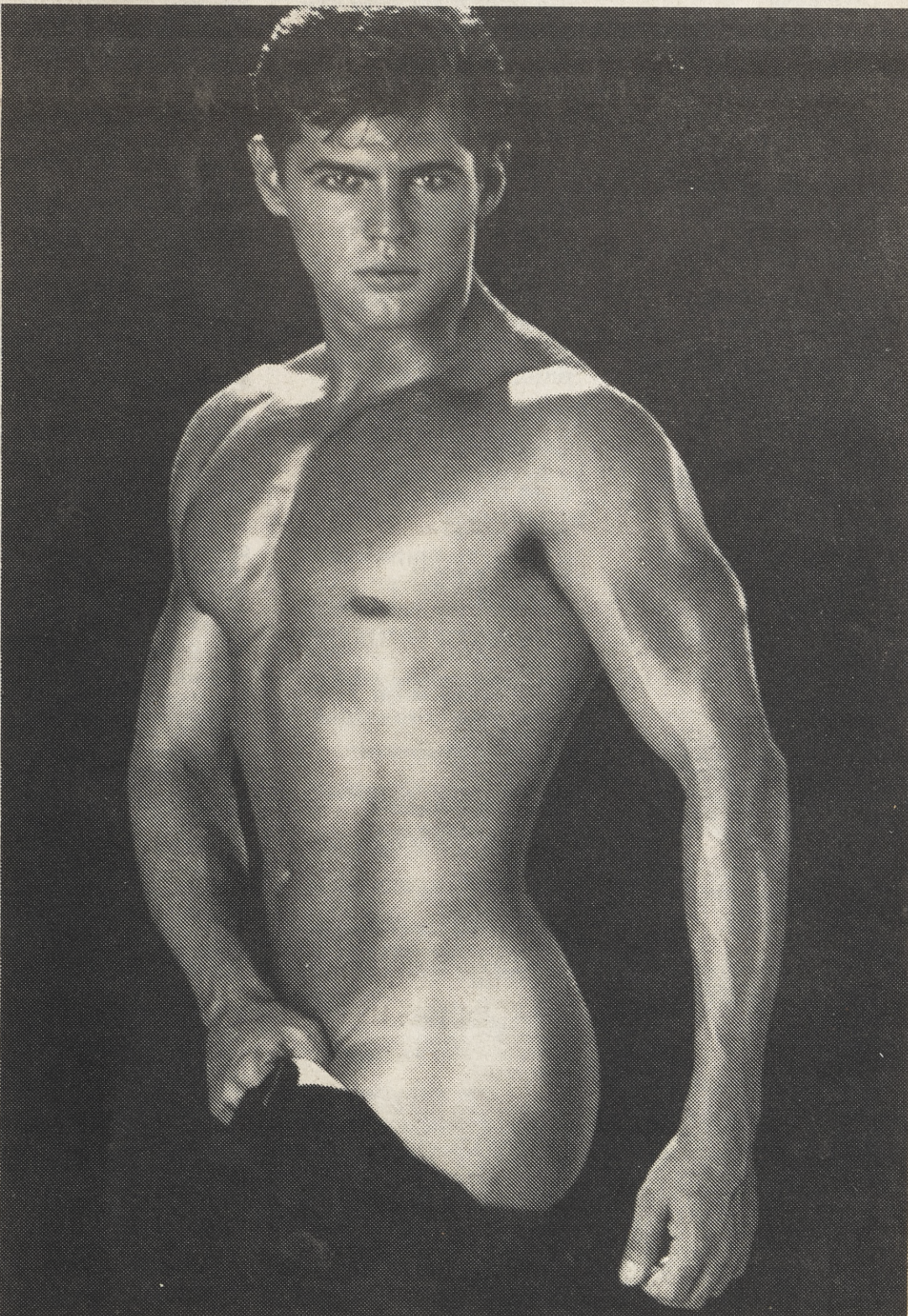
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sponsored the Leather and Feather Ball. The evening included dinner and a small but extremely entertaining show.

The event's emcee, Saint, who is also the first **Mr. Cheeks and Chaps**, was very witty and quick with the mike. The *Empress* was scheduled for an entertainment number and was requested to explain the feelings of "Drag." Never one to be shy with something live in her face, **Vannah** prefaced her remarks with the reminder that they were her feelings and that she would never try to intimate that they were the feelings of all drag queens. She was followed by **Randy Gray, Mr. Leather Sacramento**, who shared his feelings on leather. Both of their remarks were well received and hopefully brought some understanding within the gay community.

A little later in the program, Saint, with the help of Bill, showed talents that had nothing to do with a microphone. It did involve uniforms, handcuffs and imagination; quite different from your everyday drag show.

## My place, your place, our place

After the program, many of the celebrants went to Sacramento's newest bar, **Our Place**. The *Empress* grabbed a few of her court friends to put on a little impromptu show. Large Marge, Helena Holiday, Raven and Miss Robby entertained for the enthusiastic crowd. **Our Place** is definitely a great place to go and enjoy yourself. It's always nice to go somewhere one can feel welcome.

The *Empress* won't soon forget her conversation about Prince Albert and other body jewelry. She will be requesting the private viewing soon, also.

## Totally wrecked!

To round out the evening, since she was wearing a dress that looked so much like leather that she fooled some of the experts, the *Empress* decided to visit the **Wreck Room**. She was again welcomed with open arms and enjoyed her beer at the leather establishment. She even met someone who offered to design a dress for her. Not exactly the type of person she expected to meet at the **Wreck Room**, which goes to prove that one should always have every experience with an open mind.

## Tales of the domestic goddess

Another busy day of Empressing was in store for **Vannah** on the 17th. She started the day by arriving at the **Mercantile Saloon** at 8:30 in the morning, ready to roll with another **Cafe Vannah**. KC was already behind the bar and pouring. It wasn't long before the clients came rushing in. By 11:30, the food was gone, but the diners weren't. It was a very generous group, many who came to eat after the food was done donated anyway. And, while they may have been disappointed, it didn't stop them from having a wonderful time. With that group, not much would.

The only damper on the party was the misconception of some that the *Empress* actually did a lot of the food preparation for the event. Where do these nasty rumors get started?? While she'll admit to have done some absolutely fabulous cooking in her time, it wasn't necessary in the kitchen!!

## Wandering yonder north

Sunday evening saw the *Empress* in Chico for the investiture of titles in the new Czaristic reign in the province. **Czar Steven III** and **Czarina Claudette III** had a packed house at RJs for their first event. Many residents of Sacramento were on hand to celebrate with the new reigning crowned heads.

## Rushing back

Trying hard (one might say) to keep a commitment, **Vannah** rushed back to Sacramento to be on hand for **Ryan Idle** at **Faces**. She'd been reminded earlier by **Mrs. Ryan Idle (Large Marge)** to be on hand for the event. The *Empress* did make it to **Faces**, but was unable to get into the dance room because of the popularity of the acts. So what good is this title, anyway????

## Being butch

To get ready for the upcoming coronation in San Jose, **Vannah** and **KC** spent the better part of the afternoon in a local hardware store. KC enjoyed himself immensely with all the rough work, paint and other manly accoutrements. **Vannah** was merely nervous and confused. They got all of their supplies and built a trapeze swing for the planned entrance. KC and Vern did the actual building, of course (no more nasty rumors), while the *Empress* did what she does so well, supervise and drink diet coke. One can only be so butch in one day, or in **Vannah's** case, one reign.

## What's happening

The coming months will be busy ones for the *Empress* with lots of out of town functions. San Jose's Coronation is March 2.

Sacramento will be honoring **Ernie Brown** at the **Merc** on Sunday March 3. There aren't too many people in this hemisphere that this wonderful man hasn't poured a drink for, so be there to celebrate the man and his birthday.

March 7 will be one of the fabulous **La Kish's** fabulous auctions. This one is to benefit the **Fairy Godfather's** and is sure to be like all the others: wild, fun and hilarious. If you have items to donate -- and **La Kish** can sell anything -- contact her at the **Merc**.

Stockton's Closet Ball and introduction of their candidates for Emperor and Empress will be Saturday, March 9. Your *Empress* will be judging for our sister court.

Now, time is really running late. **La Cage Awful** will be on Sunday, March 17. There are quite a group of prominent people who will be participating, a few are still unaware that they will be contestants. It should be quite an interesting event.

So fill in your calendar, polish your gems and you can have some fun and excitement, too!!!▼

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## special feature

In the clouds to the nines!

# Lambda Players becoming pride of community

by John Mello  
OF MGW STAFF

*Cloud 9*, a play of two acts by Caryl Churchill, Lambda Community Center through March 3.

The Lambda Players, in production of Caryl Churchill's *Cloud 9* directed by Delphi Michaels, now occupy a very important place in the cultural life of our community because of their stated goal to promote pride and dispel myths, which they carry out in challenging, high quality theater. The need for gay theater here is great since past shows have been one shot efforts and, most importantly, because we all need to work harder to ward off the devastation wrought to gay culture by AIDS. Live theater of this caliber is one way to define ourselves and move to the forefront of the arts regionally. Wake up, Sacramento.

*Cloud 9* was performed in the main room of the Lambda Center. With only 28 seats, the face to face intimacy with the actors was electrifying and the play's inherent claustrophobia was intensified as though we were all inside a Japanese doll case. They now plan to convert the basement of the building for the coming non-traditional version of *The Fantasticks*, and the "living room theater" mounting will insure an intense experience with this committed group of actors.

The British *Cloud 9* is a cranky little play, actually two one-acts, the first taking place in Victorian-Africa and the second in London in 1979. The first act deals with a family, their friends and servants in a tense colonial setting, and in the second the actors are transposed to the present century and to other sexes and sexual orientations. This transposition is provocative enough without the added surrealistic device that "for the characters it is only 25 years later." Perhaps this was done to connect the two acts more effectively or to stress the play's farcical "front." Whatever the reason, the work is hardly a face as it has been played by other companies, because it is didactic (having a serious "message" to improve human life), imaginative (characters move and behave as they want, creating a puzzle) and trouble (director and cast have striven to bring out the play's dark undertones). Like Ibsen, the characters say almost anything but what they really mean, tiptoeing around the truth, until they explode into disaster by the end of the first act. Only the play's ending did not rise to an emotional climax, perhaps because the second act does not have the compactness and focus of the first.

Clive, the macho head of household played authoritatively by Lee Cranfield, is the rudder in this enclave of the British Empire who directs the group to their doom in the hopeless little world of the first act. He gets his comeuppance in the second act by being reincarnated as a spoiled little girl, Cathy, who, with her legs gapped like a

Balthus painting, stubbornly remains a man in a little girl's dress.

Betty, the wife played by Patrick Elkins-Zeglarski, is the play's softly beating heart typifying Auden's "If equal affections cannot be let the more loving one be me." He showed us with convincing awkwardness the women who were emotionally corseted into waspwaisted Victorian roles. In the second act he returned as Edward, another emotionally dependent basket case who outgrows his pseudoproblems to remain the most loving character in the group as Betty had been in the first.

Joshua, the black servant played by Gillen Morrison, is "so alienated from himself and so much aspiring to be what white men want him to be that he is played by a white," unless what we are seeing is Joshua's fantasy of himself, who plays the part by proxy. Joshua therefore

given the chance. She needed to show more class distinctions between the first two women and more contrast between all three.

Act I's Edward the son, was taken by Maureen Gaynor en travesti. This is a throwback to the English music halls of the second half of the 19th century, like the Alhambra and Empire theaters that featured ballet, where it was conventional for women to play male roles because, according to Cyril de Beaumont, "the majority of the general public, having never seen a dancer of quality of the pure classic school, regarded dancing of this type as effete, unmanly and even loathsome." It was also a way to reveal more of the female embonpoint in tight-fitting men's clothes. Gaynor plays Edward within this risqué Victorian tradition, thus her character type indirectly refers back to the homophobia of that era. She herself doesn't make any case for effeminate little boys who suffering having to be taught society's idea of a little boy because, if she is a fantasy proxy like Joshua, she represents that society's emasculated caricature of male performers. In other words, Edward has internalized his era's homophobia by wishing to be an actress playing male roles. This also makes the fact that he has been sexually abused by Harry Bagley more palatable for the audience because everyone knows we are looking at Ms. Gaynor.

This bit of farce is the play's British "front" that has tricked us into laughing at this nasty business as well as at the way the baby Victoria is represented by a doll that is plainly abused. As Betty in Act II, Gaynor creates a completely different person from Elkins-Zeglarski's Betty in Act I. This is where her impressive talent really shines. She knows how to make the audience breathe with her. She is a quiet center of calm; independent and in control.

Saving the best for last, we come to the prim mother-in-law Maud, and her lesbian counterpart in the 20th century, Lin, both handled to perfection by Susan Goodrich. Goodrich is not only the strongest actor in the Lambda Players, she is also their speech coach. Their incredible British dialect, with its difficult tonal range and lilt, was due to her careful work. She was able to create moments of terror in complete silence with her Ibsen-like denial. Professionals like this make on confident this group will have a major impact on our community when one contemplates the original productions possible.

The only real complaint is that the play has a sentimental ending. After everyone has gone through so many changes, some of the characters from Act I reappear in a sort of coda, and the two Bettys, Elkins-Zeglarski and Gaynor, meet and hug. Maybe this fanciful ending is the state of perfect happiness referred to in the title. Repeated viewings are definitely worth it. Congratulations to artistic director Neil Treganza!▼



Photo by Caryl Churchill  
Gillen Morrison and Maureen Gaynor rehearsing for "Cloud 9"

does not exist; he is the play's "black hole" (no pun intended) who sucks the rest of the characters into the void by shooting them all at the end of act one. In act two, Morrison plays Gerry, a gay man who enjoys the "hunt" of anonymous sex, who seems to be more a transposition of act one's hunter Harry Bagley, who is also gay, than of his Joshua character. He has a monologue that seems a bit prolix since the Lambda audience has been sitting in the parlor while the bedroom door was left open. Maybe if it were more of an interior soul search rather than an unsightful "mille e tre" addressed to people he hasn't met.

Harry Bagley and then the straight husband of Act II, Martin, were played by Michael Perry. Both Perry and Morrison underplayed the swagger in their characters and therefore lost some potency. Perry needed to be more sexual and less purely romantic. It takes guts to release such primitive behavior in public. Let's hope this performing opportunity will help them get over their natural modesty. Street jazz dance classes would certainly loosen them up.

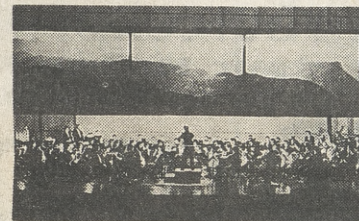
In a very difficult assignment, a young but "can do" Lee X. Amir took on three roles: Ellen, a lesbian servant, and Mrs. Saunders, a neighbor lady, both of Act I; in the following act she had the larger part of Victoria, a bisexual woman. She showed remarkable energy, but she seemed to skim surfaces by being not in complete control of her nerves. Still, we saw glimpses of a sensitivity that soon might overwhelm us



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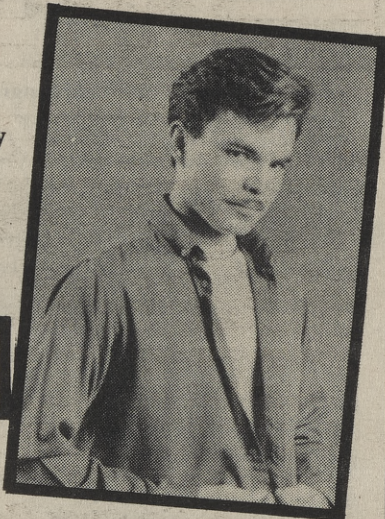
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### "Gay Youth" video being made by creator of "Out in Suburbia"

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Remembering your teen years as a gay guy or budding lesbian can be a visit to a gallery of horrors. If you had no gay or lesbian friends, it was often unbearable. That load of half-hidden differences, plus the guilt and fear, weighed down many of us well into adulthood.

Now, one courageous, skilled, dedicated artist is creating a production, *Gay Youth*, calculated to change the lives of gay young people for the better. Pam Walton, whose *Out in Suburbia* about lesbians in a suburban setting won the audience award as the best documentary at the 1989 San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, is concentrating on gay adolescents telling their own stories. Its potential is tremendous.

The two main goals are to make those who most need to know about gay youth aware of them and to break down the isolation trapping those kids. The refusal of recognition by parents, teachers, counselors and all others who are supposed to care for youth often drives gay kids to run away, become street hustlers, get involved with drugs --

even commit suicide in their desperate solitude. It is estimated that 30 percent of youth suicides are gay kids.

To build the greatest impact, *Gay Youth* focuses intently on adolescent gay males and lesbians. Their images, experiences, thoughts and feelings are the substance of the video. The direct authenticity is powerful.

A leading figure is Gina Gutierrez, an 18-year-old high school senior in Los Gatos, California. She is out to her friends and family, who are understanding, accepting, and supportive. Gina, headed for a prestigious university, is the very symbol of positive gay youth.

Contrasting darkly is Bobby Griffith, who at 16 revealed to his ultra-religious mother that he is gay. Her non-acceptance for four years drove her son away and eventually to suicide. Her attitude turned completely opposite at her son's death, and Bobby's mother relates her son's tragic saga on the video.

Also included are comments from a gender-balanced group of other gay teens. Typical is Stanford Williams' response to Bobby Griffith's end: "I'm not going to let anyone cause me to kill myself because I'm gay."

Pam Walton brings much experience and training to her project. She taught high school English for 19 years before entering the master's program in video production at

Stanford University. *Out in Suburbia*, showing lesbians as stable, integrated members of society, became her thesis production. Because she had access to Stanford's equipment and her work was a student project, the 28-minute video cost only \$20,000, most of which was donated by friends.

That cost was relatively cheap compared with the \$80,000 she is trying to raise to complete *Gay Youth*, even though it too is a 28-minute video. That figure, by the way, is approximately what it costs to do a 30-second commercial for network television.

Consequently, once more Walton is turning to the national gay community and to gay-sympathetic groups and individuals for financing help. If you can see the value of *Gay Youth* to us -- and more important -- to the lesbians and gay males coming after us, please send your check, made out to B.A.N.G.L.E., to Pam Walton, Box 391025, Mt. View, CA 94309. B.A.N.G.L.E. (Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators) is a bona fide non-profit organization, and your donation would definitely be tax-deductible.

All inquiries for further information or requests for interviews should be made to Pam Walton at the above address or by telephone to 415-960-3414. Photos are available. ▼



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### "Longtime Companion" actor - best supporting actor

by Carrie Wofford  
OF MGW STAFF

This past spring, *Longtime Companion* brought the movie-going public a glimpse of life and death in the AIDS pandemic for a group of gay men in New York City and Fire Island.

*Longtime Companion* also brought actor Bruce Davison an award for Best Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture Film at the 48th Annual Golden Globe Awards in Hollywood. In accepting the award honored him by the nation's film critics, Davison kept

his remarks to AIDS.

"I think of the people who are living through this on a day-to-day basis," he said. "They're the real heroes." Davison played the role of the middle-aged caretaker of his HIV-infected lover. In a closing scene of the movie, Davison holds his lover's hand over the makeshift hospital equipment he has imported into their home, urging him to "go, to die."

Davison challenged the glittery star-packed audience whose speeches reflected the self-absorption they are often accused of. Davison offered his "hope and prayer

that we can devote as much intelligence, effort ... and will to the war against AIDS as we do to the war against each other."

His only thanks went to his wife and to Samuel Goldwyn films for "the courage to distribute a film that was obviously not commercial." Davison's performance was chosen over those by actors in *GoodFellas*, *Godfather III*, and other major commercial films. Davison was expected to have a good chance of winning an Oscar for his performance in *Longtime Companion*. ▼



Performance artist, visual artist, and writer Karen Finley's nightmare is the contemporary world

## What's at the end of this long journey?

by Matthew Kennedy  
OF MGW STAFF

*We Keep Our Victims Ready at San Francisco's Cowell Theater through March 2*

Performance art conjures up images of self-indulgent and self-congratulatory odes not much more engrossing than a therapy session. Karen Finley, currently performing her one-woman hit *We Keep Our Victims Ready* at the Cowell Theater in San Francisco, emerges not only as the champion of a belabored art form, but as a genuine counter culture icon. Finley's art and politics articulate the tortured and tormented soul in a "cruel and violent" world.

Finley rocketed to prominence last year when her award from the National Endowment for the Arts was rescinded by Endowment chair John Frohnmayer. She found herself in the center of a multi-layered controversy over censorship, freedom of expression, and government funding of the arts. "Piss Christ" artist Andrew Serrano, the rap group Two Live Crew, the movie *The Cook, the Thief, his Wife and her Lover*, and the late photographer Robert Mapplethorpe's homoerotic "Perfect Moment" exhibit were similarly cited.

The award was eventually returned to her, but the struggle to create confrontational work in an increasingly hostile environment continues. Arch-homophobe William Dannemeyer has recently announced his campaign for the United States Senate and upon his narrow reelection last fall, Jesse Helms told the artists and homosexuals that "you ain't seen nothing yet." Across the Atlantic, Finley is banned in England because she "promotes buggery."

What's all the fuss? Finley proved herself to be a volatile, possessed, hypnotic, funny, moving, and highly concentrated performer. She has minimal but effective use of props,

and Christmas tinsel. The concoction becomes a surreal evening gown, glittering under the stage lights and furthering the irony of our expectations of female beauty and glam-



Karen Finley

Photo by Dona Ann McAdams

costumes, and lights. She delivers her tour-de-force with a variety of focal techniques delivered in rapid fire and offset by wails, screeches, moans, and sound repetitions. In the most discussed segment of the evening she smears her near naked body with dark chocolate ("When I smear chocolate on my body, it is a symbol of women being treated like dirt"), then pastes on candied alfalfa sprouts (symbolizing sperm)

our. Less discussed is the moving final section of the evening called "Departure" where she keeps vigil at the deathbed of a friend with AIDS. She speaks of the "black sheep" alienated from family and society, and of the gross inability to express love to those most in need. Finley attacks her material with

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## Sacramento Ballet reconstitutes Rococo Revelry

by John Mello  
OF MGW STAFF

*La Fille mal Gardee/Sundances, Sacramento Community Theater, January 25-26, 1991.*

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*La Fille mal Gardee* ... now here is a triumph for the Sacramento Ballet! Of all the works they do, this is definitely their forte. Artistic Director Ron Cunningham has here lovingly entertained us for an evening that we might wish: would never end: pretty girls in pretty dresses dancing with handsome boys in the sunny countryside. Bearing the oldest (1789) name in the repertory, this middle-class version of peasant life produced while guillotines were being sharpened for the French Revolution arrived on the Sacramento stage at just the right moment for audiences suffering from CNN Syndrome. As one headline put it, War to Dominate but There Will be Some Diversions. What could be better than a few hours of work project on Marie Antoinette's picturesque dairy farm?

As Lise, the unchaperoned virgin, ballerina Nina Baratova made a truly auspicious debut. She showed complete refinement in all aspects. She is a product of Peninsula Ballet Theatre and the San Francisco Ballet School, which says a lot about the artistic staff of the Sacramento Ballet who have developed this ballerina into a real major league dancer without any time spent in

New York. Charles Torres, as her boyfriend Colas, has been on a roll for the past year with Don Quixote and other big assignments, and while his dancing has had at moments perhaps more energy than he could control, it is a relief to see him relax a little. He is dancing more steadily, with more classical ease, shaping the music more authoritatively and looking more mature. His characterization seems natural, and with Baratova, who also seems to underplay the Cunningham mime that can tempt dancers to mug, their acting was all artless charm, soft summer breezes, and porcelain milk buckets.

This reviewer must continue to grumble about the omission of narrative mime passages in revivals such as *La Fille mal Gardee*. Although pantomime nowadays is an extension of dance movement that draws no attention to itself, still, when an echo of the first libretto exists as in the case of *When I am Married* in Act II (handed down from Petipa to Karsavina to Ashton), it adds so much to the flavor of the revival/reconstruction/reconstitution at hand. What would The

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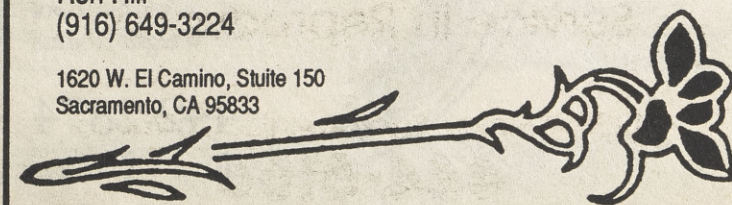
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Instead we would have to depend on the instantly recognizable, like the Pee Wee Herman-style Alain of Robert Kelley. Hilarious unquestionably and provocative as well, but lacking in contrast.

The programs also included a modern ballet, *Sundances*, with choreography by Lambros Lambrou to music by Yannis Markopoulos in five movements. The score undoubtedly a handicap here, as its background seemed to be American popular music. Balanchine said, "When music is trash, choreography is trash," and while the work in question wasn't nearly that bad, it still couldn't rise above the level of its score.

Most of *Sundances* choreographic language appeared to be related to the strenuous dance narrative style of Bolshoi director Yuri Grigorovich, which means flashy, splay handed and super athletic. The Bolshoi's influence for the past 30 years has been incalculable, as has been Soviet powerlifting and other displays of brute strength. It establishes an instant rapport with the audience on a very crude level. Things like dragging the women around in the split. Or important looking processions that, in an abstract ballet, are trips to nowhere. The clash with the Rococo *La Fille mal Gardee* was hopefully intentional on the part of the artistic staff. As composer David Lang says, "It's the bad taste that makes you think the good taste is authentic."▼

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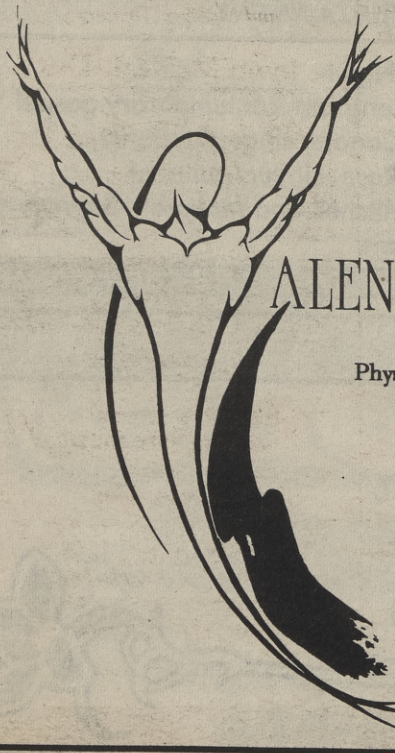
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# For the record...

by Kate M. Lang, M.S.

OF MGW STAFF

(Letter of January 23, 1991, to MGW)

The credentials for Kate Lang printed at the end of her article (See enclosed copy) are potentially misleading.

The phrase "Sacramento County Licensed Counseling Parapsychologist" implies that the County of Sacramento has examined and approved Ms. Lang's credentials and abilities as a parapsychologist, and that the County warrants to the public that Ms. Lang is a competent parapsychologist.

The County of Sacramento does not, of course, examine the training or practice of any kind of psychologist; nor does it certify the competence of any kind of psychologist. The only valid license for psychologists is issued by the State of California, upon review of educational credentials and successful completion of written and oral examinations. (The State does not have a licensing category called "counseling parapsychologist," and therefore the Psychology Examining Committee cannot make an evaluation of such practitioners.)

Ms. Lang has an ordinary County business license; and the only enforcement performed by the County concerning these licenses has to do with ensuring that the business does not violate zoning laws. Ms. Lang may well be a qualified and competent parapsychologist, but I would urge her and you to re-draft her statement of her qualifications, in order to avoid misunderstanding in the community about governmental protections of the consumer. David E. Kemp, Ph.D. Diplomate in Clinical Psychology, cc: Div. of Mental Health, Sacramento County Psychology Examining Committee)

### HISTORY...

(Letter written May 11, 1971, to Mr. Robert E. Smith, Chief, Credentials Division, Chancellors Office, Sacramento.)

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter will substantiate our recent telephone conversation relative to Mrs. Kate Lang's credentials to instruct parapsychology in our adult education program.

Mrs. Lang was originally recommended to me by members of our Behavioral Science Division to instruct a group requesting information in this area. In visits to these sessions, I was impressed by her knowledge, her poise and ability to handle the class.

The astonishing interest in parapsychology led us to establish a four-session series on Sunday evenings to take care of the one-hundred prospective students turned away. This again was so well attended, we moved the series to our theater averaging 400 per night attendance. Mrs. Lang coordinated these sessions and personally spoke on several areas of interest.

After deciding to offer this as a regular adult class next fall, my search for an instructor with what normally would be enough educational background was fruitless, and those to whom I talked recommended Mrs. Lang.

In view of her experience, education, interest and ability to instruct, we would recommend most highly she be credentialed to instruct in the area of parapsychology.

Sincerely, Bill Borchert, Associate Dean Special Services, American River College.

(Letter from my attorney dated April 30, 1975)

Dear Mrs. Lang,

A copy of S5.40.010 of the Sacramento County ordinance is enclosed.

I discussed this matter with the District Attorney's office. While they would not issue a formal ruling, it was indicated that they felt that your activities were not within the purview of this ordinance.

In my opinion, your professional activities fall within a recognized field of science or at least scientific research.

If I can be of further service to you, please feel free to call me. Yours, very truly, Stanley J. Gale.

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(Subsequent letter dated July 24, 1975.)

Dear Mrs. Lang,

I had a long meeting with Sgt. Walker yesterday. He is disturbed by the ad in the paper that said you were giving "psychic readings". He wants a definition from you of the functions of a Parapsychologist. He also wants to know exactly what you propose to do in your business. If it verges on clairvoyance or fortunetelling, he is going to deny granting the license.

I suggested that we have a meeting with him so that he can be fully informed about the scope of your proposed activities. If this is agreeable, please call me and we will set up a meeting at a convenient time. Yours very truly, Stanley J. Gale. P.S. We have set up an appointment with Sgt. Walker for 8:15 A.M. on August 5, 1975, at his office. Please call me so we can discuss the matter before the meeting. (End of letter.)

I wanted to use psychic ability as an adjunct to counseling. I lived in the county of Sacramento, and the ordinance forbid it. However, three different attorneys told me that they felt the ordinance was unconstitutional. In 1966 a woman sued Chief of Police Hicks, so she could practice fortunetelling in the city of Sacramento. She won. The city ordinance was struck down on the 1st and 14th amendments of the Constitution.

At this time in my life I was credentialed in Parapsychology, had a limited service credential in Psychology, and had graduated with honors on May 29, 1975, from California State University, Sacramento, with the first Bachelor's degree in Parapsychology in the United States.

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## Balancing act...emotions and health

by Sandra Warne, M.A.  
OF MGW STAFF

I arrived in Sacramento five years ago awash in a life of unrelenting transition. It was a time of disconcerting crisis. Having left a career as a retail corporate executive of 10 years in the midst of a climate of self-searching and personal upheaval, I felt an urgency to feel grounded and whole. I had always planned to leave the life of material values and corporate politics, but on my terms, in a leisurely fashion, not with the rapid deployment of a public firing. Impaired and vulnerable I sought relief and recovery from my past arrogance. The process of reunification with my values had begun. The course of my life had changed and I would never be the same.

Even though I began pursuing past dreams nearly forgotten, it was uncomfortable to be a 40-year-old graduate student, supporting myself with a 50-hour-a-week job that I despised every waking hour. I thought problematic for my self-esteem, I thanked God for my new found opportunity.

In tandem with these transitions I was losing one of the most important people in my life. A friend and confidante with whom I had shared a 22-year history was dying of cancer. We had been lovers, companions, adversaries, and friends, on and off since my teenage years. Cursing the darkness and commiserating with self-pity, I was unprepared for the blow that was to follow. My mother contracted cancer and with just a few months to live I bought her home with me, nursed her through her death ... I stood by with the horror of powerlessness as the lives of two people I loved, dissolved within weeks of each other like some phantasm into the air.

Stunned with grief, loss and confusion, I began to drink more, in an attempt to cope. Increased drinking led me to the realization that I was unprepared to help others if I anesthetized my own pain. I began a 12-step recovery program and continue today, working the steps and healing; a daily process. My partner of five years and I struggled and negotiated our relationship through relentless duress, loss, and uncertainty, emerging stronger and more committed than ever.

After my dad died last year, I

began to see the changes in myself. The last few years produced a personal metamorphosis, a scholarship to life, a new and exciting existence that has taught me true gratefulness, tolerance and forgiveness.

In my practice as a psychotherapist, I hope I can pass on some successful coping strategies for lives in transition such as mine. Ideas for this column are born of my own experiences, as well as topics of interest that have been validated by research and brought to you.

In upcoming columns I will be exploring the powerful mind-body connection, as well as current psychotherapeutic thinking about relationships, communications, family of origin influences, recovery from all addictions, and recent findings in experimental psychology and psychoneuroimmunology.

In this issue I offer some brief thoughts on love.

## To love and be loved...

When we first begin to love someone, everything is new and sparkling. Our tendency is to try to hold onto that sparkle, to structure it, because we are afraid of losing it. Ari Kiev, M.D. a psychiatrist and author of *Active Loving*, explains how the marvelous spontaneity of love turns into the drudgery of a relationship full of expectations and demands. The harder we try to hold on, the faster we move toward destruction of the relationship.

To understand why this is we must first learn what love really is. Love is the total acceptance of another person. It is a relationship without shoulds or shouldn'ts. When we are in love we accept.

Loving with expectations is love that is conditional love. If we need the other person's love to feel good about ourselves we cling to our lover out of desperation. And if we give love out of fear, constantly worried that our partner might stop loving us, this isn't love, its dependency with little joy or happiness in it.

What destroys relationships is dishonesty, lack of open communication and not loving ourselves. If we don't love ourselves, and another person says, "I love you," we think "I don't deserve it" or "I don't

love me, therefore how can I respect someone who does?" This of course brings us to the source of our own selflessness ... our family of origin.

Our family and childhood wounds are often at the bottom of relationship problems. If our family rewarded us for our "achievements," or when we were "good girls or boys," or when we "looked pretty or handsome," they placed conditions on love and acceptance of us. Therefore we come to do the same with ourselves and the people we pursue. The problems surface when we discover that we choose relationships based on the negative and positive qualities of the people that raised us. We then re-enact our childhood patterns and expectations for unconditional love and wonder why we don't receive it.

In order to lay the foundation for a lasting relationship we must begin the process of "self-work." As we begin to learn to accept ourselves, we will be more accepting of our partners, and also become more loving people. Creating self love and respect is only solving half of the problem. Every partnership consists of two "wounded children." So, although its a start, becoming well and wonderful yourself is just a good beginning. The next step involves a commitment by you and your partner to the development of a "conscious loving relationship." This constitutes a relationship with more accurate images of one another. One where you take responsibility for communicating your needs and desires, you become more intentional with one another, you value each other as you have learned to value yourself, you embrace and look at your own dark side, you learn techniques to satisfy your own basic needs and desires and finally accept the difficulty of creating a loving partnership. Couples striving to achieve mature love and partnership can avail themselves of the many opportunities for enhancing their relationships through couples counseling, communication workshops and the aid of good self-help books.

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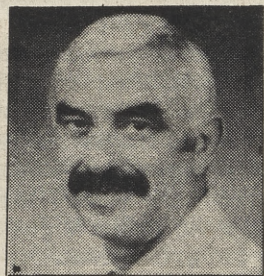
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## farewell

### Community leader Pisciotta dead at 46

Jimmy Pisciotta aka "Jinger Jerome" will be remembered by his lover, family and friends for his lavish pool parties, his gourmet cooking, his red label scotch consumed while debating politics or discussing his worldly travels or his excitement for his favorite football team, the 49ers.

He is also remembered as an individual who contributed greatly to Sacramento's gay community in many ways. A producer-director of the annual Camp Awards; a member of the SAGA Golf team; elected six times as President of the CGNIE Board of Directors; was Empress VIII, and was associated with the AIDS Foundation and its hand-to-hand program.

Even with all his support for his community, Jimmy was also owner and operator of Duffy's Dry Cleaners and Duffy's Transfer.

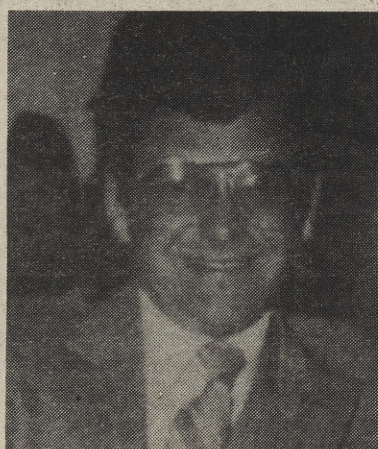
His survivors, all considered part of Jimmy's "gay family," include Shirley Bob N., Danny and Sue, Carol, Larry M., Larry B., Nathan, Gary B., Jim C., Brad and Ralph, Monty, Opal and Bob and Jimmy's kids, Mandy, Madonna and Bensen.

A very special thanks is extended to a special man. The family thanks George for his excellent care and friendship.

Jimmy passed away at home with his lover Richard, close friend Bob, his caring nurse George and his

kids, Mandy, Madonna and Bensen. Jimmy was 46 when he passed away on February 20, just two days before his birthday.

Friends remember Jimmy as a leader, someone who was always independent even while taking on incredible tasks. He had a way of organizing community functions, taking an idea and somehow turning it into a reality with unbelievable results.



Jimmy Pisciotta

He was a real go-getter, making sure everything ran smoothly with positive results and when the lights came-up, he was there picking-up the pieces and making things final.

He made people laugh, and comforted those of us who were hurting. When he got mad, all cleared from his way.

He was up-front and called a spade a spade.

Over the years, he helped many people financially, as well as providing them with moral support to better themselves.

You could always find him at home entertaining friends on holidays, especially his 12 course Italian Christmas dinners, 4th of July Luau's, and his world famous 3-day marathons on Labor Day. These we can remember with much laughter and 1,000 stories.

He loved to argue politics, watch old movies, bet on the 49ers, drink Red Label Scotch, and sing "Nearer My Got To Thee" with Carol.

Lest we forget the incredible, spicy and tongue lashing Jinger Jerome.

Too many times in our busy lives, feelings go unexpressed; Like times of uncertainty, illness, fears, hard decisions, tragedy and even death. As our thoughts control our emotions, try to have a vision of a golden distance.

Jimmy has been awarded wings. He will fly like wild geese, escaping a frozen past, into a warm and enchanted land. So rejoice and be glad to this bright day on where you have come from and know nothing is impossible with God, as you think of things to come.

A bittersweet farewell Jimmy, our precious friend. ▽

## Celebrating your friendships

by Chuck Forester

About a year ago, as I left a memorial service, I realized that the epidemic gives us the unique opportunity to honor our friends. It also occurred to me that doing it at a memorial service isn't good enough. I asked myself: "Why can't we tell our friends how much they mean to us while they are alive?"

I would rather hear from friends while I am alive, rather than speculating on what they might say in a posthumous tribute. I know I am not alone in this. I take things said at a funeral with a grain of salt.

Our days are filled with hard work and sorrow, with joy and fulfillment. Yet too often we forget to take pride in who we are and what we have accomplished. Too often we forget to tell our friends that their contribution means a lot to us. Too often we take them for granted.

I decided to let my friends know how I felt about them. I wasn't going to wait until they died.

The first opportunity was a birthday card. Normally I send Randy a card with a humorous comment. The cards are light and frivolous and reinforce the notion that birthdays and aging aren't really all that important. This time, I took a few extra minutes and wrote a short note to thank Randy for his many hours of fundraising for AIDS re-

search. I said I appreciated his work and told him how important that was to our entire community.

The second opportunity came when Bill called to say that his lover Jim was very ill; he encouraged me to contact Jim. We had been close 18 years ago, and had maintained contact in the intervening years but saw each other seldom.

As I thought about what I would say to Jim, I remembered that he had been there when I came out. Eighteen years ago I had no idea that a gay man could be so handsome and so comfortable with himself and able to deal with the straight world on an equal basis. For me, Jim and Bill were a major revelation. Like most of us, I had never told him about those early impressions; it wasn't something you said to your friends. Now, I wanted him to know that his life was a bright light at a time when I was in the dark about putting my life together as a gay man.

Still, I was uncomfortable about dropping by his house because those situations are awkward for me; I knew I would stumble for words. He would probably be a little uncomfortable if I said the things I wanted to say to him in person. I decided to write a letter.

I composed the letter. The first one sounded like a eulogy. Not good enough. I was writing to Jim

not his memorial service. I knew I had to revise the letter or it would be maudlin and uncomfortable. This was a final goodbye and my last chance to speak with him, so the letter had to be my best writing. This was a time for clarity and precision. That realization enabled me to speak to Jim with an honesty and openness that is usually missing even in the most personal conversations.

It took a long time finally to compose the letter because it had to be completely rewritten, but I worked into the evening because I did not want it to arrive too late. I hand-delivered the letter to Jim's house the next day.

He called a few hours later to say that he was feeling better and thanked me for my letter.

As I held the phone, my first thought was relief at hearing his voice. The next thought was worry that my letter might be a little premature.

There was no need to worry. Jim knew what he faced and was prepared for what lay ahead. He said that my letter meant more to him than any letter he'd received. We had a nice talk on the phone.

I had done the right thing and vowed to write more such letters to people who have made my life richer. Those letters would go to people

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## Ford museum a must-see

by Raoul Anthony Renaud  
OF MGW STAFF

### Automotive news

If you haven't been to the Towe Ford Museum and you like old cars, make sure to go soon! This is the largest display of old Fords in the West. You'll see everything from the earliest Model T's and other turn-of-the-century vehicles right up through cars of the 60s and 70s. Some of the cars are displayed in creative settings; for example a couple of 60s convertibles are parked at a "beach" complete with umbrellas and surfer tunes.

Most of the work of displaying cars and running the giant museum is done by volunteers. Right now the museum is seeking volunteers to serve as docents. A comprehensive 10-week docent training class begins March 7. To sign up call 442-6802. The Towe Ford Museum is located at 2200 Front Street, a few blocks south of Old Sacramento.

Saturn update: production at the Saturn plant in Tennessee has finally caught up with demand and, in fact, there is now an 81-day supply

of Saturn cars in inventory. Saturn's dealer network is still getting established; the first Saturn dealership in the Sacramento area is scheduled to open May 15 at the Roseville Automall. The little car continues to get rave reviews: its powerful engine, precise handling and quality of fit and finish are particular strong points. The company is going out of its way to keep owners happy too: in order to implement a recent recall of some early production vehicles Saturn dealers sent technicians to owners' homes to do the repair work! Rumors that the car, which had its public introduction on National Coming Out Day, is gay, have not been denied by the parent General Motors.

### Dear Dr. Cruise:

We've gotten along just fine as a one-car household (we have a Mazda 323 hatchback) but now we're adopting a baby and are going to need another, larger car. We've agreed that a station wagon or a minivan would be great, but we can't agree on which one. Any recommendations? John and Matt, Carmichael

Dear John and Matt:

Congratulations on your new arrival and bless you for providing a loving home to a child. When children come along most families face the same transportation problem you have raised.

Minivans outsell station wagons by a wide margin. Chrysler Corp., which pretty much invented the minivan with its Dodge Caravan and Plymouth Voyager, no longer makes station wagons. There are many more minivans to choose from than station wagons.

A major drawback to minivans is their lack of safety equipment. Classified as trucks by the federal government, minivans don't have to meet the stringent safety standards applicable to station wagons, which are classified as cars.

Minivans are fun to drive. You sit up high and have a great view. They're relatively short, so they are easy to park and maneuver. With the seats removed, they can carry bulkier cargo than a wagon.

On the other hand, you don't have to remove the seats in a wagon in

order to load cargo. You just fold them flat. Wagons are easier to get in and out of because they are lower.

Ultimately you have to weigh all those factors and decide what is most important to you. The safest minivans are the Dodge/Plymouth

twins -- they are the only ones sold with a driver's airbag. They also have head restraints, available anti-lock brakes, and stable, carlike handling. So if you decide on a

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The Sacramento Symphony showed off the 1991 Lexus LS400 which was the grand prize in its "In Concert with Lexus" fundraiser at a reception at Lexus of Sacramento on January 30. The \$40,000 car will be given away during a drawing held May 4 during the intermission of the final performance of the Symphony season.

## common sense & your pets

## More housetraining tips for your puppy or older dog

by Joan B. Guertin  
OF MGW STAFF

There are almost as many opinions out there on the subject of housetraining as there are dogs. The responsibility of the owner is to find the information that seems logical, give it an honest try and if it does not work, then seek the advice of another source. There are some cautions that must be noted. Most important is the fact that there is no place for anger in the housetraining process. Anger makes the job harder as it breaks down the trust between you and your pet.

When clients call, they are usually at their wits end. The frustration level is at a peak and they have usually begun the process of shouting at the dog, striking it, or worse yet, rubbing its nose in "it." One of the analogies I use in getting people past this stage is that of the human infant. We don't rub a baby's nose in its diaper because it has wet or soiled. By the same token, we don't yell and scream and jump up and down and swear at the infant. Somehow we know that a baby has a period when it has no control over

the elimination process. Puppies are the same, they need understanding, gentleness and time as well as the willingness of the owner to educate it to the proper place to perform. Puppies take great pleasure in pleasing humans especially when rewards are involved. So, a gentle hand, a quiet voice and enthusiasm coupled with the smarts to establish an area where the pup isn't likely to be set up for failure will ultimately lead to success. In other words, the human leads the way.

Puppies, however, are not the only ones to have housetraining problems. The older, "well trained" dog can have lapses. My first question when confronted with this problem is "how long has it been since the dog had a complete physical, it could be a medical problem."

Various problems can arise, such as hormonal difficulties, loss of control due to old age, cysts, tumors, a response to other medications or a response to additives put into the dog's food, especially vitamin B or Vitamin C, which can double the number of times the dog needs to urinate. Pregnancy in females will increase the need to urinate more often as time for delivery gets closer. If a veterinary exam rules out a physical problem, then we are dealing with a behavior problem. At this point a long, serious look at the relationship between dog and owner is in order.

Regardless of whether the problems are medical or behavioral in either puppy or older dog, troubleshooting the problem will take time. With the older dog, when tracing the history back to day one, the problem usually narrows down to inadequate housetraining to begin with.

In a nutshell, according to Job Michael Evans in The Evans Guide for Housetraining Your Dog, "The solution is to crate or confine the dog, umbilical cord it during dinner

and during the day (this is a method by which you attach the dog by leash to your belt loop and the dog goes everywhere with you), provide as much access to the desired area as possible, feed a high-quality food and offer water periodically during the day.

Remember, you will not solve housetraining problems by force, or punishment. It takes patience and often a great deal of troubleshooting as to the core of the problem. Seek expert advice from your vet, a trainer or a behaviorist. The problem can be solved if you are willing to work on it.

### Top 10 ways life would be different if dogs ran the world...

10. More Donahue shows about shedding.
9. Presidential candidates more likely to stop in mid-speech and sniff base of podium.
8. Cats must report address to post office every year.
7. Proctor and Gamble introduces new liver-flavored Crest.
6. Drinking from toilet no longer a faux pas.
5. Museums filled with still lifes of table scraps.
4. Constitutional amendment extends vote to wolves.
3. TV commercial altered so dog catches and devours little chuckwagon.
2. Monument in Washington commemorates "Our Neutered Brothers."
1. All motorists must drive with head out of car window.

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## RECORD

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Psychology, also at C.S.U.S.)  
It was only a few years before this (1971-72) that Parapsychology had been recognized as a science by the National Academy of Sciences.

And it would be roughly ten years after this that Jeffery Mishlove received the first Doctorate in Parapsychology in the U.S. from U.C. Berkeley.

Though what Parapsychology dealt with, in terms of human consciousness and potential was ancient, the field was new to me and I was new to the field. I was trying my best to stay within the law, or challenge it if it were prejudicial to human capacities, as well as my constitutional rights.

This was a perplexing situation for the county since there were no existing guidelines for my situation. Sgt. Walker also conferred with the District Attorney and was concerned that the ordinance stay on the books at that time (1975) to give some consumer protection to gullible people who were often preyed on by sister this and madame that.

He was disinclined to give anyone else such a license as I received, unless that person had accomplished what I had at that time.

The Sheriff's office, along with the counsel of the Sacramento District Attorneys office re-named my Sacramento

County General Business License from "Psychic Consultant" to "COUNSELING PARAPSYCHOLOGIST." I have honorably held this license for sixteen years, and I do not intend to "re-draft" my statement of my qualifications.

The first time I noticed that Parapsychology and Transpersonal Psychology were listed as "Psychology Major Fields" was in the American Psychological Association Directory Survey in September of 1984.

On August 15, 1985, in a landmark decision, the California Supreme Court, in effect, struck down all city and county ordinances banning fortunetelling in the State of California.

I quote, "that some-even a majority-may find this mode of communication distasteful, ridiculous or even corrupt is irrelevant to constitutional concerns." This decision, by the Third District Court of Appeals makes unlawful those ordinances that prohibit fortunetelling (or analogous activities) on the grounds that such ordinances violate "California Constitution's guarantee of the right to speak on any subject."

In essence, prophecy, wether by a stockbroker, or a psychic, is protected under the 1st Amendment.

Kate M. Lang, M.S., B.A. Parapsychology, M.S. Transpersonal Counseling Psychology, Credentialed in Parapsychology since 1971. Sacramento County Licensed Counseling Parapsychologist since 1975. Private practice. (916) 487-8485.▼

## CRUISE

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minivan, get one of those.

All wagons are pretty much alike when it comes to safety, although the Japanese manufacturers have been slow to include driver's side airbags. That is a major safety feature that I wouldn't be without. If you want a BIG wagon, check out the fullsize Chevy/Olds/Buick that is new this year. It's very intelligently designed, and you'll never outgrow it. In a midsize, I'm partial to the Ford Taurus/Mercury Sable twins. Volvo wagons used to have an edge on safety, but the domestic wagons have now caught up in that area, and Volvo reliability is questionable, and costs of routine maintenance are exorbitant.

If you want a small wagon, I'd look at the Ford Escort/Mercury Tracer. But as far as I know no small wagon comes with an airbag. The closest you'll find with an airbag in the small size category is the Dodge Shadow/Plymouth Sundance four-door hatchback. Check that out if you want a safe, small, practical car. Don't forget to get a good child seat to protect your new family member!

## PENALTIES

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McCarthy, spoke in front of an Arab-owned delicatessen which had been recently vandalized and asked for citizen support for the bill.

According to Lockyear, McCarthy and representatives of minority groups, the statistics on cases in which African-Americans, Asians, Jews, Arab-Americans and Gays and Lesbians have been attacked or harassed are rapidly escalating throughout the state. Thirteen incidents of vandalism against Arab-owned businesses in San Francisco, some in the Sunset District, have been reported since the beginning of the Persian Gulf hostilities, in spite of promised extra patrols by police.

SB 98 will also help victims who file civil suits against their attackers by raising the civil penalties for hate crimes from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and removing the current ceiling of three times the cost of actual damages on punitive damage recovery.

Recent civil cases against the White Aryan Resistance and the Ku Klux Klan ordered both organizations to pay millions in property and damages to victims -- effectively dealing serious impacts on their continued operations.▼

brutalization and objectification of women? How about an AIDS death every eight minutes in the United States? How about no national health policy? How about a burgeoning homeless population? How about the all but forgotten slain students of Tiennamen Square? How about Sports Illustrated lavishing more pages to women in one swimsuit edition than to women athletes the rest of the year? How about splatter movies proliferating at every Octoplex Suburbia while one lone voice gets scapegoated because she dares so speak her extremely coherent mind? Now that's obscene.

The message here may not always be groundbreaking, but it certainly merits repeating. Karen Finley is a driven woman, compelled by an urgent personal need to reveal the cancer we sometimes forget to see. In a self-destructive world, Karen Finley's voice grows ever more precious.▼

## HIV NEWS

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Know that it's NOT OK for one positive person to have unsafe sex with another positive person, and understand why. Learn the other life-saving (and fun) information they have for you. There's only one way to stop this disease: and that's to not spread it if you have it.

Thank you to Dr. Bary Siegel for his medical oversight of this column, and to Dr. Elizabeth Harrison for her continuing contribution to its contents.▼

## JOURNEY

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the fervor of an evangelical preacher. She takes on rape ("When I see a rainbow, I see an angle being raped"), alcoholism, incest, AIDS, the Gulf War ("Don't give me that goddamn yellow ribbon! ... I get the same sick feeling when I'm in a bathroom that smells like piss and cigarettes... the real symbol of this war is body bags"), George Bush (He's such a mean dad"), abortion, sexism, racism, the Kennedys and their treatment of women, religion and its perpetuation of white heterosexual male domination ("I want a black goddess, I want a homosexual god, I want a lesbian goddess ..."). Cocktail liberals will not sit comfortably through a Karen Finley performance; she is not content with false victories from the 1980s such as William Hurt's performance of an effeminate homosexual in *Kiss of the Spider Woman* or Sandra Day O'Connor's appointment to the Supreme Court. "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God almighty" shouts Finley with brutal sarcasm.

That Karen Finley should be seen as threatening is downright amusing since her audience is doubtless smaller than the audience of one episode of a lowly ranked sitcom. Certainly she deserves a wider audience. She asks: "We see sports on the news every night, why not cultural events, too? ... Gulf War and Super Bowl, Gulf War and Super Bowl, Gulf War and Super Bowl ..."

Finley's work is crystal clear in its intent. It engenders remarkable clarity while provoking the audience to act upon latent rage. Obscenity? How about the ceaseless

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### MARCH

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National Women's Herstory Month.

Camellia Festival, downtown Sacramento thru March 10; info 442-7673.

State Democratic Convention, thru March 3, Oakland; Gay and Lesbian Caucus, 8:30 March 1; reception hosted by Gay and Lesbian Caucus 11pm. Contact Harvey Milk Lesbian & Gay Democratic Club.

Trailhead chapter meeting, 6:45pm; info 361-8668.

Deldre McCalla, The Palms Playhouse; info 756-9901.

"A Celebration for Hope: Women Working Together for Peace," 449-7543, x33.

OUT/WRITE '91, sponsored by OUT/LOOK, Cathedral Hill Hotel, S.F., \$45; 415-626-3334.

Ms Leather Contest deadline for March 23 event; for applications 415-871-0350.

#### Saturday 2

Women's Flag Football, Brock Park on Antelope Rd. betw. Watt Ave. & Walerga; 10am: Waves v. Sac Connection; 11am: Patriots v. Tight Ends; 12noon: Hittin Misses v. Tough Skins.

Living History Days, events of March 1846, Sutter's Fort; 445-4422.

Snowfest Parade, 11am, Tahoe City; 583-7625.

49er Western Frontier Show & Doll Show, Cal Expo; 929-7766.

June Millington, Joseph's Town & Country.

Common Sense Dog Training, Beginning 4pm; Johnson/Springview Park, Rocklin; 485-2201.

Barrel Tasting Weekend, Russian River Wine Rd.; 707-575-1191.

OUT/WRITE '91 continues, see March 1.

"Out is In," OUT/WRITE cabaret and dance, 8pm-midnight, Ferry Boat Santa Rosa, \$25 advance/\$30 door; 415-626-3334.

#### Sunday 3

Camellia Classic Run, Walk & Kids' Event, advance registration 448-2951.

Women Against War Banner Making Party, 645 W. Grand Ave., Oakland; 995-4735.

"A Tribute to Ernie Brown" 60th Birthday, JTC, 2062 Auburn, 1-5pm; \$5 donation; proceeds to PWA's Fairy Godfather's Fund.

Golden State Gay Rodeo general mtg., 2pm; The Corral, 2140 Market St., S.F.; 415-863-4487.

49er Western Frontier Show & Doll Show, Cal Expo; 929-7766.

Barrel Tasting Weekend, Russian River Wine Rd.; 707-575-1191.

OUT/WRITE '91 continues, see March 1.

Sacramento Symphony presents Concerto Competition Winners with Sacramento Youth Symphony, Hiram John High School, 7pm; 649-0300.



Dexter Smith hangs his work at The Townhouse Restaurant with a reception on March 3, 5pm.

#### Monday 4

"Women & AIDS", discussion by Susan Fleman, B.A., 9am, Forest Suite, University Union, CSUS; 278-7388.

Men's Coming-Out Group, GLAS @ CSUS, Miwok Room, University Union, 5:30-7pm; 927-8661.

#### Tuesday 5

Harmonious Relationships, 6-week class, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, \$20/class; 456-5685, 489-7503.

"Lesbian Coming Out Panel", 2:35pm, Forest Suite, University Union; 278-7388.

"New Beginnings CLT", a group to create perpetually affordable housing for low income people, 7pm, United Methodist Church 21st & J; 441-0749.

"Being Gay Today" 10pm, Cable Channel 63; lesbian & gay programs from around the country and beyond.

San Francisco Opera: Merola Opera Program Benefit, Mark Hopkins Hotel, S.F., 6:30pm; 415-565-6431.

#### Wednesday 6

Brown Bag Opera, 12noon, San Francisco Opera; 415-565-6431.

Sacramento Valley Marine Dealers' Assoc. Boat Show, Cal Expo; 482-8190; thru March 10.

International Kite Festival, Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno; 702-827-7636.

"The Future of SAF Services: A Client Forum," 7-9pm, SAF, 1900 K St., 2nd floor; 448-2437.

James Burke, "2050 - The World After the Greenhouse Effect," 7:30pm, Channel 6.

Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Town Council, 6:30pm, Lambda Community Center.

#### Thursday 7

"On War" Artists & Writers Speak Out, 7pm, I.D.E.A. Gallery, 3414 4th Ave., \$5 donation, refreshments served.

Auction to benefit Fairy Godfathers; LaKish 442-0185.

12th Annual Spring Lecture Series, "Clay Today: Three California Artists" 10am & 7pm, Robert Brady, Crocker Art Museum; registration 449-5423.

Scare Your Fears to Death, lecture, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 7pm, \$20; 456-5685, 489-7503.

"Women & The New World Order", Ellie Smeal, 11:45am, Redwood Room, University Union, CSUS; 278-7388.

"Demonstration of Self-Defense Skills", Midge Marino, Redwood Room, University Union, 2:35pm; 278-7388.

"An Evening of Women's Comedy and Rhythm" 7:30pm: Karen Ripley; 8pm: Marga Gomez; 8:30 Jo Daiko; Redwood Room, University Union, CSUS; 278-7388.

International Kite Festival, Rancho San Rafael Park, Reno; 702-827-7636.

"Being Gay Today, 9pm, Cable Channel 63, lesbian & gay shows from around the country & beyond.

#### Friday 8

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Wall of Women Against War, demonstration, gather 5pm at Justin Hermann Plaza, S.F. (Market St./Embarcadero BART), 995-4735.

Brown Bag Opera, 12noon, San Francisco Opera; 415-565-6431.

Free workshop on the history of Women's Music by Nancy Vogl, CSUC Multicultural Center, 7-9pm; 345-4762.

Last day to introduce bill to Legislature, for more info contact California NOW, 442-3414.

Concert: Alexander String Quartet, Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 8pm; 415-903-6565.

#### Saturday 9

Women's Flag Football; Brock Park on Antelope betw. Watt & Walerga; 10am: Sac Connection v. Tight Ends; 11am: Patriots v. Tough Skins; 12noon: Hittin Misses v. Waves.

Whale Festival in Mendocino; whale watching & wine tasting; 800-7-COAST-0.

Trailhead "Slumber Party" at Ophir; 885-9652.

Valley Knights Motorcycle Club yard and bake sale, 4100 21st St.; Mike 455-6540.

Nancy Vogl in Concert, Church of Religious Science, 17 Hillary Lane, Chico, 8pm; 345-4782.

#### Sunday 10

"Building Commitment" conference, Radisson; speakers inc. Gov. Pete Wilson; 447-2986.

Whale Festival in Mendocino; whale watching & wine tasting; 800-7-COAST-0.

Valley Knights Motorcycle Club garage sale; Mike 455-6540.

#### Monday 11

Men's Coming-Out Group, GLAS @ CSUS, Miwok Room, University Union, 5:30-7pm; 927-8661.

#### Tuesday 12

Common Sense Dog Training: Puppies, 6:30pm; Beginning, 6:30pm; Advanced puppy, 7:30pm Southside Park Pool Bldg, 6th & I; 485-2201.

"Being Gay Today" 10pm, Cable Channel 63; lesbian & gay programs from around the country and beyond.

15th Annual Statewide Arts Day, day-long event; for more info 447-7811.

#### Wednesday 13

"How to Understand, Experience, and Use Your Emotions, Feelings, and Visions," lecture, by Rev. Penny Guard, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, 7pm; 456-5685, 489-7503.

Jazz-ee, CSUS dance company presents "Studio Works", Physical Education Rm. 187, 6000 J St., 8pm \$5; 278-6306.

Brown Bag Opera, 1pm, San Francisco Opera; 415-565-6431.

Sacramento NOW Board Meeting, 6 & 7 pm; 442-3414.

Sacramento Symphony presents "P.D.Q. Bach," an evening of musical madness featuring Professor Peter Schickele, Community Center, 14th & L, 8pm; tickets 649-0200 or BASS/TM 923-BASS.

#### Thursday 14

"Stress Less - Keep Fit" lecture/workshop, 7pm, Church of Enthusiasm & Joy, \$20; 456-5685, 489-7503.

English Bay Cup bowling tourney, thru March 17, Vancouver; Gary 604-687-5201.

Jazz-ee, CSUS dance company presents "Studio Works", Physical Education Rm. 187, 6000 J St., 8pm \$5; 278-6306.

"Being Gay Today, 9pm, Cable Channel 63, lesbian & gay shows from around the country & beyond.

Women's Issues, GLAS @ CSUS, 8:30-10pm; Social Science Bldg., #236; 456-3469.

#### Friday 15

Jazz-ee, CSUS dance company presents "Studio Works", Physical Education Rm. 187, 6000 J St., 8pm \$5; 278-6306.

Brown Bag Opera, 12noon, San Francisco Opera; 415-565-6431.

L.A. Rodeo Kickoff/St. Patrick's Day Feed; The Corral, 2140 Market St., S.F., 7pm; 415-863-4487.

Trailhead "Cabin in Tahoe" thru March 17; 361-8668.



Bob De Lucia and Trudy Jorgenson in the "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" at Sacramento City College, March 8 - 24

## THEATRE

American River College Theatre Arts Dept. - Lysistrata thru March 10; 484-8433.

The March - Beyond Brooklyn - thru March 9; 415-641-0235.

Lambda Players - Cloud Nine - thru March 3; 442-0185.

The Magic Theatre - Temptation - thru March 17; 415-441-8001.

CSUS Theatre Arts Department - Guys and Dolls - thru March 10; 278-6604 for ticket info.

Sacramento Theatre Co. - The Good Person of Setzuian - thru March 24; 446-6722.

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre - The Crucifer of Blood - thru March 2; 985-6361.

Carmichael Civic Theatre - Bully Teddy's Wonderful World thru March 9; 489-6880.

Foothill Theatre Company - A Little Night Music - thru March 15; 265-TKTS.

Riverboat Delta King - Shticks and Stones - thru March 23; 444-KING.

Chautauqua Playhouse - Back-to-Back - thru March 24; 489-7529.

Sacramento City College Actors Theatre - The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 - March 8-24; 449-7228.

Garbeau's Dinner Theatre March 8-April 20 - Crossing Delancey; 985-6361.

Music Circus - Nonsense - March 12-April 21; 446-5880.

CSUS Theatre Arts Department - All My Sons - March 14-23; 278-6604 for ticket info.

## GALLERY

University Exhibition Union - Southwest Images, by Patricia Jackson thru March 8; 278-7250, 278-6595.

Matrix Gallery - Linnell Barnhart ceramic sculpture thru March 8; 441-4818.

Matrix Gallery - Valerie T. Bechtol, Kim Springer and Sheila Pitt, a group show dealing with feminism and spirituality thru March 8; 441-4818.

Shenandoah Gallery - "Winter Show" featuring the work of Molly Kohlschreiber thru March 25; 209-245-4455.

Crocker Art Museum - Howard Finster "The Road to Heaven is Paved with Good Works" thru March 31; 449-5423.

Lite Rail Gallery - exhibition featuring Sacramento's finest cartoonists thru March 30.

Town House Restaurant - Dexter Smith exhibit; reception Sun., March 3, 5pm; 441-5494, 441-5122.

Lite Rail Gallery, Rocklin - Beverly Couper March 1-30.

Crest Theatre - art exhibit commemorating National Women's History Month, March 6-8; reception Fri., March 8, 5pm; 446-5061.

Matrix Gallery - Sean Sprague, Richard Ashby, Willy Scholten & Karen Graffeo, March 13-April 12; reception Sat., March 16, 7pm; 756-5724, 441-4818.

Matrix Members' Gallery - Debra Williams, multi-media Feminist Surrealism, March 13-April 12; reception Sat., March 16 7pm; 756-5724, 441-4818.

Lite Rail Gallery - Rising Star Exhibition March 22-April 7.